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NANKING HOPES REDS WILL SHOW CLEMENCY

Latest Ultimatum Will Expire On April 20 CHIANG IS CONSULTED

Nanking, April 18.

Nanking was waiting hopefully today for news from Peiping that the Communists would fulfil their publicly expressed promise of clemency and agree to an extension of their time limit for accepting the Red-dictated peace agreement, to be signed by April 20.

Nationalist Government officials denied today the reports that Acting President Li Tsung-jen had sent a personal appeal to the Chairman of the Communist Party, Mr. Mao Tse-tung, asking for an extension of the Communists' three-day time limit given to the Nationalists.

They claimed that the Nationalist Government's next step, in an endeavour to secure a compromise with the Communists, who are demanding permission to cross South of the Yangtse River, was still under consideration.

Both Acting President Li and Premier Ho Ying-ching were reported today to be conferring with other Nationalist leaders in an attempt to reach unanimity about the Government's next move.

An important conference between the Government leaders and Mr. Huang Shao-hsuan, the Nationalist peace delegate who brought back the Communist demands from Peiping, began late this afternoon. It was attended, among others, by the former Foreign Minister, General Wu Te-chen, who has just returned from

Shihwei, opposite Chinkiang on the North bank, and that the situation in the Nationalist-held town was "dangerous."

Reds Take Islands

Under the cover of heavy artillery fire last night the Communists took two islands in the river 10 miles North East of Chinkiang. Another 25 miles further East they simultaneously attempted a river crossing, with 400 river craft, but were reported this morning to have been repulsed by Nationalist gunfire from the South bank.

About 60 miles South West of Nanking, fighting flared up last night on the Nationalist bridge-head opposite Wu after a two-day lull. In a heavy raid the Communists launched their attack about 11.00 p.m. local time and continued fighting throughout the night.

There were signs in the Nationalist capital today of increased military preparations. Some observers here think it is possible the Nationalists will allow the time limit to expire without replying to the Communist ultimatum. The Communist Party is willing to extend the signing date and to agree to further negotiations with a view to reaching a compromise about the river crossing.

A Coalition Govt

Besides a military crossing of the Yangtse River, reliable information today said the Communists also demanded the formation of an entirely Communist dominated coalition government. The Communists proposed the coalition government be formed on a ratio of three, three, three, that is three Communists, three Nationalists and three third party and non-partisan representatives, but stipulated the six non-Communist representatives must be approved by the Communists. This would place the coalition government completely under the control of the Communists.

The Communist Radio announced last night their peace conditions were presented to the government in the form of "eight terms and 24 points." The eight terms are the terms announced by Mr. Mao Tse-tung, Communist leader, on January 14, and the 24 points are the so-called "concrete opinions" for enforcement of the eight terms.

The Nationalist controlled radio station in Nanking last night

said the Communists were demanding permission to cross the Yangtse at 10 points. It added that the 24-point draft agreement would be promulgated by both sides on April 20, but it did not say whether this would be done irrespective of whether or not the Nationalists agreed to the draft.

One Angle

One angle which could have the most important effect on the future and which has not been receiving much attention in news columns recently is the course the Generalissimo might follow if fighting resumes on a scale comparable to that at the time when he stepped down from the Presidency.

Technically, Chiang Kai-shek is still the President of the Nanking Government. Li Tsung-jen is still Acting President whose initial statement on taking over clearly stated that if he was not able to achieve peace he had to step down too.

Just what course events would take if Chiang Kai-shek decides that it might be time for him to try to resume the mantle of the Presidency and rally the Nationalists once more around the Republic battle flag, is a prediction that at present has nothing but confusion to offer as the outcome. —United Press and Reuter.

Korea Asks U.S. Troops To Go

Seoul, April 18. President Syngman Rhee confirmed today reports that his government is negotiating for the early withdrawal of the American occupation troops from South Korea. Dr. Rhee said an American armed and equipped Korean army is now "rapidly approaching a point at which our security can be insured provided the Republic... is not called upon to face attack from a foreign source. Authoritative foreign observers here believe the South Korean army of nearly 100,000 men is capable of meeting any challenge from the Soviet-supported North Korean People's Army. —United Press.

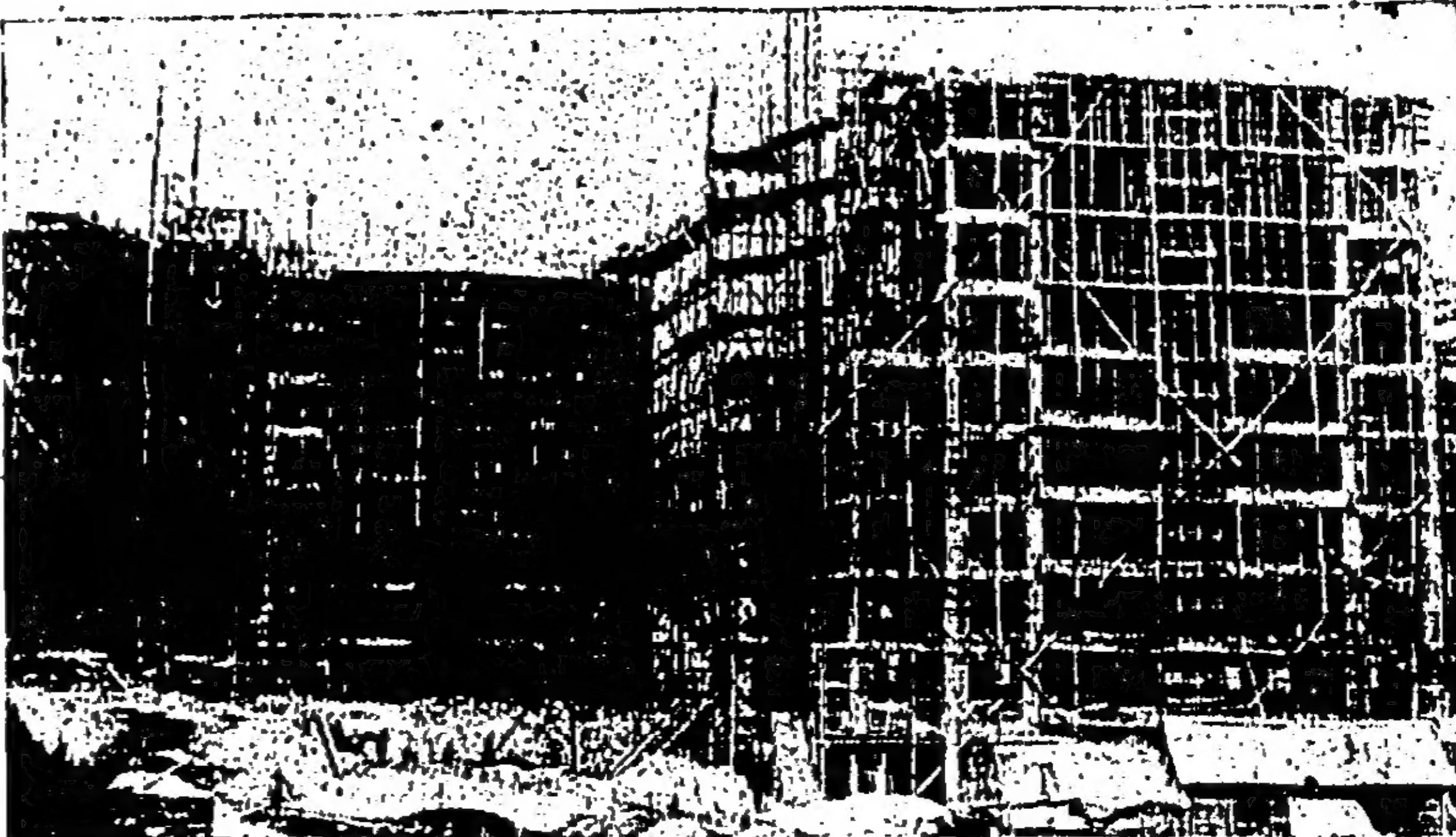
Bomb Explosion In Canton Theatre

Three cinema-goers were killed and more than 50 injured, nine seriously, at Canton on Easter Day when extortionists set off a bomb in the Sun Wah (New China) Theatre.

The explosion occurred at 11.15 p.m. on Sunday just before the conclusion of the United Artists' "Carnegie Hall" film.

Veracruz Press reports said that most of the victims were injured in a general stampede by the audience to get out of the theatre. Several Europeans, who were occupying balcony seats, escaped unhurt.

Apartments For Bank's Staff



Three 10-storey apartment buildings are being built by the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation for some of its Portuguese staff. This is the first project of its kind undertaken by private enterprise in the Colony. Quarters for European staffs have, however, been built by a number of firms. —China Mail Photo.

To Deal In Foreign Exchange

Peiping, April 18. Peiping Radio announced today that three foreign and seven Chinese banks have been permitted to deal in foreign exchange.

The foreign banks are the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, and the Banque Belge Pour l'Etranger. —United Press.

Discussions On UK-Japan Trade Pact

Negotiations for a new trade agreement between the United Kingdom and Japan will probably commence early in July, according to Mr. H. H. Thomas, financial adviser to the British Embassy in Tokyo. Mr. Thomas, who arrived in Hong Kong yesterday by BOAC flying-boat from Shanghai with his wife and daughter, is on his way home for six months leave. He will return to Japan.

Although he could not reveal any of the details of the recent review of Japan's economy with SCAP officials in Tokyo, Mr. Thomas said that developments in Japan during the forthcoming 12 months should be of considerable interest. "Japan should be prepared to stand on her own feet," he said.

Trade between Japan and the United Kingdom in the past year was reasonably good, Mr. Thomas stated.

Asked to comment on Japan's competitive, cheap textiles on the market here and elsewhere, Mr. Thomas replied that there were places for both the products of Lancashire and those of Japan. Goods that are cheaper and people who could afford nothing better; clothing material of good quality would continue to be purchased by those who could afford them.

RECOGNISES ISRAEL

London, April 17. The Albanian Government has formally recognised the State of Israel, the Tirana Radio said tonight. —Reuter.

Do Chinese Reds Take Orders From Moscow?

(By JAMES WHITE)

San Francisco, April 18.

Are the Chinese Communists taking orders from Moscow?

This is the question people ask me more often than any other since I recently returned from a four-month visit to China. I asked it often myself while I was there.

The answer—except from Nanking officials anxious for more American aid—unavoidably was "no." I was told that no report of Russian aid, advice, or direction to the Chinese Reds had ever been verified since 1927, unless you count the Japanese arms the Soviets let them pick up in Manchuria in 1945.

I then asked a second question—how long would Chinese Red leadership last if word got around that it was working for Moscow? "Ten days, perhaps" was the longest estimate I got.

Yet 2,000,000 persons belong to the Chinese Communist Party which follows the main outlines of Moscow propaganda, especially as regards America. This means only one thing: that the Chinese Communists find this Moscow propaganda line useful in their particular situation. They have been fighting the National Government at Nanking, which has been kept going partly by American aid. When the prospect of more aid faded, Nanking stopped fighting, her armies all but collapsed, and what was left of the Government began trying to make peace.

Nationalism

From the Chinese Red standpoint the Moscow line has worked. They probably see no reason whatever to change. Using this line, and meeting little competition, they have seized upon the revolution in China and sold themselves to masses of Chinese as the great proponents of China's two most powerful urges—nationalism and internal reform.

Nationalism is the more important phase in considering their relations with Moscow—whatever those are.

The evidence is mostly negative. Here are some samples: In January, when Nanking was collapsing, Russia had her ambassador follow the refugee Nanking Government South to Chungking. No other power did the same. Soviet consulates in Peiping and Tientsin took down their signs and ceased functioning when the Reds occupied those cities.

The following month, Anna Louise Strong, American Leftist writer, was arrested in Moscow, accused of spying, and expelled from Russia after she insisted upon going to Red China through Siberia. The frontier was closed, she concluded.

Shortly afterward, the cruiser Chungking, carrying the Nanking Government, was seen later near Dairen, the Soviet-held port in South Manchuria. There is no evidence that she ever entered. She wound up at Hulluao across the Gulf of Chihli, where Nanking planes were seen. This would have happened if the Russians had given her haven in Dairen.

The Real Key

The Sino-Russian treaty whereby the Reds have "rights" in Manchuria and the nearby naval base at Port Arthur (together with joint control of the two main Manchurian railways) seems to

U.S. TROOPS MANOEUVRE ON CZECH BORDER

Nuremberg, April 18.

Seventy-five thousand American soldiers moved toward the Czechoslovakia frontier today in a sweeping spring manoeuvre against an imaginary "aggressor" in the East.

Two brigades of tanks raced for the border just South of where the Southern column of Hitler's three-pronged thrust lanced into the Czechoslovak Republic before World War II.

Columns of trucks and marching men swept through dawn as the First Infantry Division moved behind the tanks to dig in and hold the "aggressor" expected to attack from Czechoslovakia tomorrow. "Aggressor" is the standard army term for the enemy during a manoeuvre.

Fighter planes including jets streaked from permanent bases near Munich to begin operations from a forward headquarters hastily thrown together on abandoned former German runways. Crews in battle dress huddled about well-guarded "telex" eyes and swept the Eastern horizon with radar beams alerted for attacking aircraft.

Practically the entire military garrison in Germany moved into the field.

Columns Of Trucks

Columns of trucks rumbled along the 300-mile supply line from Bremerhaven as the Army sought an answer to the question whether the United States can completely supply her occupation army in the field from the only American-controlled port in Europe.

Top Staff officers often stated their belief that Communist uprisings in other Western European ports could easily tie up supplies for a vital few days at least in the event of trouble.

Army officials insisted that the location and direction of the attack had no significance and that the war games are part of normal military training.

Two Purposes

The manoeuvre will serve two purposes:

The first is to give field training to American troops in Germany—many of whom are fairly recent recruits.

The second is to remind Europe that the United States is back in the Atlantic Pact with troops in the frontline positions of the "cold war."

The manoeuvre will also show Europe how the United States Army has re-equipped its forces in the past six months with tanks and other mechanised weapons.

Taking part in the combat phase of the games are an infantry division and the U.S. Constabulary Brigade. The constabulary originally performed routine patrol and security duties. With the arrival of tanks and other equipment, however, it has become a combat unit. —United Press and Associated Press.

C'wealth Statesmen In London

London, April 18.

The Prime Ministers from six Commonwealth countries are converging on London today for a series of conferences which may mark the turning point in the history of the British Commonwealth.

On Thursday afternoon around the massive mahogany table in the Cabinet room of No. 10 Downing Street, all the Commonwealth countries will be represented by their senior statesmen except Canada whose chair will be filled by Foreign Minister Lester Pearson.

The main subject for discussion will be India's relationship with the other Commonwealth countries after she attains independence, probably on August 15. India wants to retain Commonwealth relationships even as a sovereign country but without the attendant allegiance to King George as "King of all Dominions Overseas."

Indian Premier Jawaharlal Nehru was understood to request some new formula "reflecting kinship." He reportedly had been given a free hand by his government to make the best possible "limited only by India's past commitments and future aspirations." —United Press.

THE WEATHER

At 0800 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) a very deep depression is moving E towards Sahalin and from it a trough extends across Korea to a developing depression over the N of the Eastern Sea. The anticyclone E of Japan persists. Pressure gradients are slack over the remainder of the area.

Today's Forecast: Light SE winds. Early fog and occasional drizzle gradually improving during the day.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 73.2 deg. F. Minimum: 60.0 deg. F. Rainfall: 0.8 hours.

San Francisco: 55.7 mm. = 2.1 in. Total since Jan. 1—218.4 mm. = 8.64 in. at present an average of 231.6 mm. = 9.11 in.

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'N.Y. TIMES' ON CHINA

New York, April 18. The "Times" says editorially the Communist ultimatum to the Nanking Government "tore away the last shred of pretence that what was happening in Peiping was a 'peace conference'."

The Chinese Government "appears now to have small chance of survival," the "Times" added, "but we can pray that China herself will not be entirely inundated by the Red flood." —Associated Press.

a visit to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek at Chekiang, in Fenghua County of Chekiang Province.

Members of the Kuomintang's highest policy-making bodies, the Central Political Council and the Central Executive Committee, will meet tomorrow to consider the Communist demands after Mr. Chu Cheng and Dr. Chu Chin-hun have returned from conferring with the Generalissimo at Chikow.

Chiang Consulted

A special plane was sent to Fenghua today for the two leading Kuomintang members, but so far it has not returned to Nanking.

According to one Central Political Council member today, April 20, the date set by the Communists for the expiration of the peace negotiations was "too hurried" in the opinion of most Kuomintang members.

He said the views of the Kuomintang conservatives at Canton and others at Nanking could not be reconciled in such a short time. If the negotiations were hurried, he thought it would have an unfortunate effect on everybody's aim, which was for an early peace in all China.

Meanwhile, Communist forces were reported today to be fighting for positions on the battered perimeters of two strategic Nationalist Yangtse River North bank bridgeheads East and South West of threatened Nanking as the Communist three-day time limit on a Nationalist acceptance of the Red peace terms expired within 20 hours of its expiration.

Reports from Chinkiang, 40 miles East of Nanking, said 50,000 Communist troops were attacking

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BOAC's New Flying Boat



The BOAC's new Solent flying-boat which arrived in the Colony on Sunday. The aircraft was open to inspection by members of the public yesterday. It will leave tomorrow for the United Kingdom, taking the Colony's delegation to the British Industries Fair. "China Mail" Photo.

Reminders

Today

Union Church Management Committee meeting, Jardine's board room, 5.30 p.m.

HK Rotary Club luncheon, talk on "Novel Experiments in Horticulture" by Mr. R. E. Denn, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Bridge Drive, European YMCA, 5 p.m.

HK General Chamber of Commerce meeting to nominate candidate for Legislative Council, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

HK Light Orchestra rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 6.45 p.m.

English Forum Reunion Dinner, San Kwong Hotel, 6 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Canton Insurance Office, Limited, annual general meeting, Jardine's Board Room, 12 noon.

For H Club meeting, Talbot House, 50, MacDonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

Literary & Debating Group of European YMCA, talk by Mr. Robert Bruce, 8.45 p.m.

THURSDAY

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Y's Men's Ladies Social Night, at Chinese Bankers' Club, top floor, Bank of East Asia Bldg., 7.30 p.m.

Sentenced For Attempted Theft

A Shanghaiander who arrived here on Saturday without luggage and address has had his housing problem solved for at least half a year.

He was sentenced to six months imprisonment by Mr. d'Almeida at Central yesterday for attempted theft.

The defendant, Lau Tung-fat, said that he had just arrived from Shanghai with his friend. Immediately upon their arrival he was requested by his friend, who was very fond of horse racing, to go to the races. During the races he lost his friend.

Mrs. A.M.C. Nixon, the complainant, said that on Saturday when she was standing in front of the counter to collect some money which she won she felt her hand bag moving.

Turning around she saw one of the defendant's hands in her hand bag. In defendant's other hand there was a HK\$10 note and a pink winner ticket.

Mrs. Nixon said that the ticket did not belong to her but she was not sure about the HK\$10 note since she had quite a lot of money in her bag. Lau was arrested with the assistance of the public.

Speedbird Solent's Comfort Devices

The BOAC Speedbird Solent which will carry Hong Kong's delegates to the British Industries Fair tomorrow, contains some of Science's latest contributions to the luxury and comfort of air travellers.

The double-decker flying hotel offers passengers such amenities as a bar, a library and super-de-luxe meals from a unique deep-freeze unit. This plane is in fact the first one to reach Hong Kong with such a unit—especially adapted for aircraft by the BOAC laboratory at Guildford, Surrey.

Upholstered throughout in a beige leatherette, with rich, contrasting rugs of blue on the floor, the Solent seats 12 passengers on its upper deck and 22 on the main deck.

The bar, a streamlined blue counter, silver-trimmed, stretches across the corner of the lobby by which passengers enter the plane's two travelling compartments.

Kitchenette

Above the stairway from the lobby is the top deck compartment, off which, there is the plane's kitchenette. In the compact, somewhat roomier than usual kitchenette Mr. J. Sellers, Catering Superintendent, revealed to the "China Mail" some of the latest results of BOAC's research into the subject of how to keep passengers happy with food.

"It is really important," declared Mr. Sellers "On long flights stomach trouble is the commonest complaint we have to cope with. If they don't feel well the passenger won't blame the food—so we've studied the whole problem scientifically."

By using the deep-freeze unit developed by BOAC's English laboratories, the Solent was enabled to carry 160 lbs. of frozen food from the United Kingdom on the flight to Hong Kong. The frozen items included bread, various meats assorted fruits and vegetables—and even frozen sweets like cherry tarts. Fowling milk was used and fresh eggs were taken along.

Cooked Before Freezing. All the steward had to do with the frozen items, which are allowed to carry 160 lbs. of frozen food from the United Kingdom on the flight to Hong Kong. The frozen items included bread, various meats assorted fruits and vegetables—and even frozen sweets like cherry tarts. Fowling milk was used and fresh eggs were taken along.

On the trip out from the United Kingdom the Solent carried amongst other things, in its freezer, some tinned steaks. They were brought out of meat-rations England on a special licence for experimental food-stuffs. Mr. Sellers pronounced the experiment a real success.

"The people at home just wouldn't believe our menus!" he exclaimed.

To demonstrate the efficiency of the freezer, Mr. Sellers removed a box of frozen sausages. He dropped one on the counter. It was frozen so hard that it broke in two.

Besides the kitchen refrigerator, there is another in the tail which holds the rest of the provisions.

Plastic Cups

To make up for the extra weight of the Solent's special equipment, plastic cups, saucers and extra dishes are used. The dinner plates are made of ordinary chinaware, since they must be subjected to the heat of the oven.

The new plastic dishes—"Speedward"—are a product of the Company's laboratories at Croydon in England. Mr. Sellers is looking forward to the day when plastic knives, forks and spoons can be introduced.

Members of the Hong Kong Press, who were disappointed when bad weather forced the cancellation of their flight over the city yesterday, have been invited to go aboard this morning for a look at the luxurious Solent.

Court Brevities

A penalty of \$200 or six weeks was passed on Mak So aged 31, by Mr. Blair-Kerr, for knocking a woman on the head.

The defendant and complainant were employed in a factory. Mak went round telling stories that the woman had slept with different men.

When complainant heard this, she caught hold of Mak demanding an explanation for the insinuations he had made, whereupon Mak took hold of a piece of wood and hit her on the head. Complainant was in court with a bandaged head.

Inspector J. H. Evans prosecuted.

A young Italian, Luigi, D'Onofrio, aged 20 was remanded for three days by Mr. Blair Kerr. The Italian was charged with having stowed away on the ss. Reinhold, boarding the vessel at Saigon.

He stated that had wanted to return to his parents in Pescara, Italy.

Lai Ping-cheung, a coolie, aged 42, was employed by a traveller to carry her suitcase across the ferry.

After the traveller had boarded the ferry, Lai took the suitcase to a man and tried to sell it. Unfortunately for Lai, the Chinese gentleman, to whom he tried to sell the suitcase turned out to be a police constable on duty.

Lai was ordered to be deported for life.

A Norwegian seaman, Kjell Aamer, aged 20, was charged by Mr. Blair-Kerr with being drunk and causing bodily harm to a Chinese.

Defendant stated in court that the Chinese had tried to rob him of his wrist watch, having also stolen from him a bag. He did not know what happened afterwards.

The Police asked for three days' remand as the Chinese is still in hospital.

SENTENCED FOR STEALING BOTTLE

For stealing a glass bottle, Tan Han was sentenced to three months' imprisonment by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday.

On April 17, the defendant entered the courtyard of 7, Kwan Yick Street and stole a large glass bottle containing some dyeing liquid valued at \$80. He poured the liquid away without knowing that it was valuable.

JEEP ACCIDENT

An Army jeep knocked off a concrete post at the Stanley Police Station shortly before noon yesterday when it skidded, as it was turning the slight curve.

Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

Exploitation No Myth

Sir—A theologian cannot convince an atheist of the infallibility of the doctrine of Trinity, as atheism denies the very existence of God. One correspondent cannot convince Mr. H. G. W. Woodhead O. B. E. of the fallibility of the regime of the Colonists and Extraterrestrialists, because the former editor of China Year Books denies the principles of liberty and equality to the Asiatics in general and Chinese in particular.

When Mr. Woodhead tries to repudiate the accusation of exploitation of the Chinese masses by the Treaty or Extraterritorial Powers, Mr. Woodhead repudiates his own Government.

It is well known that Mr. Atlee, Mr. Bevin and their Labour Party over the support of the British nation because they denounced the exploitation by the English landlords and capitalists of the British labourers and overseas colonials as well.

Mr. Woodhead's superiority complex in repudiating Dr. Sun Yat-sen's criticism of exploitation of classical Political Economy upon which 19th century British Imperialism was built.

One just opens the writings by John Stuart Mill for the abolition of wage system, the imposition of a tax on land and heavy taxation on the rights of inheritance. He will then realise that the evils of exploitation of men by men were foreseen by persons whose names Mr. Woodhead would not dare defy.

"A.B. WOODHEAD"

Woodhead Articles

Sir—One of the most outstanding features about the articles by Mr. H. G. W. Woodhead, CBE, which appear in the "Sunday Herald" is the manner in which he attempts to conceal the truth.

Although there are many inaccuracies in his latest effort, "The Exploitation Myth," I will for the moment, confine myself to the question of railways about which he writes at length.

Can Mr. Woodhead explain how railway concessions came to be granted to the British, French, Germans and Russians in the first instance? Can he tell your readers whether such concessions were granted willingly or under duress, and whether political, strategic, commercial or capitalistic reasons had any connection with such concessions?

SIMPLE SIMON.

China Criticism

Sir—It is the usual practice of the Press to submit that the views or opinions expressed by contributors in the paper are not generally accepted as its own.

The Press is free of Editor's duty is nominally to act literally as a supervisor, without the rights of interference unless when the subject-matter is libellous or blasphemous, or when it is of such a nature that it is both injurious to the public and to the interests of the public. And, further, that when it will serve no useful purpose, except to criticise, denounce or belittle any party, merely for the sake of exposing such party or person to open ridicule or contempt in the public.

Such is generally accepted as the true principle of every Press worthy of the glorious tradition and prestige of British Journalism.

Therefore, to slur and belittle a friendly power, as H. G. W. Woodhead has just done in your Sunday issue of yesterday's date, by revealing and exposing China's past faults and mistakes, in a vain and inglorious attempt to cast a mean and contemptible reflection upon her at present; is decidedly disgusting, if not also the least, most degrading and condemnable.

It is indeed surprising that you, Mr. Editor, could allow or permit such agitation to appear in your paper, particularly during the present political crisis, as such will serve no other purpose than to provoke and instigate greater discord and antagonism between the people of the two countries.

Whether China has in the past committed such faults, don't forget Mr. Woodhead that every country in the world has done a few black chapters in her history, Britain without exception.

M. P.

War Reparations

Sir—The question of Hong Kong war reparations has been clouded by a variety of objections, none of which meets the main argument in favour of reparation. At least are merely trivial. The principal objections are three in number, briefly as follows:

(1) The Japanese cannot afford to pay; ergo any claim would have to be met by the hard-hit United Kingdom taxpayer.

(2) Whereas Malaya (where claims are being paid) contributed to a War Insurance scheme, Hong Kong did not do so.

(3) The local Government is financially ruined; Hong Kong's claims which are therefore, it is argued, already dead and buried.

None of these objections (the third is a straw man) show any understanding of the question. In fact, the United Kingdom contracted with Hong Kong to defend it in war in return for 20 per cent of Hong Kong's gross revenue, was that when the war came the defence afforded Hong Kong's citizens was

utterly inadequate to the amount paid. For example, although an air arm was known in 1941 to be vital, not a single military plane was provided; in the Territories expensive strategic military roads were built to serve strong points equipped with no guns; lastly the number of troops provided was measurably small, less than a division to defend the whole Colony, whose frontier alone required three times that number for adequate defence.

It may be true that, if the defence of the United Kingdom, involving the whole Empire, was to be assured, Hong Kong had to be expended; that may be some consolation to the community for their temporary extinction, but it does not abate one whit their subsequent claim to compensation for value not received. This conclusion disposes of two of the three main arguments against local war reparations; the third viz: that we have already refused reparations any way, is seen on examination not to be founded on fact. Hong Kong, as we know, is one of the minority of British Colonies in which the officials control the Government.

These officials, without consulting the people whether through the Press or through the public meetings of the Legislative Council, and still less the claimants, decided, undoubtedly in consultation with the Secretary of State, that Hong Kong did not want war reparations and that was that.

It is well known that the residuum of the Council, that is the unofficial members, were not asked to give their independent opinion or even to consider the question de novo: they were told what the Government—i.e. the official—thought, with the suggestion that they should agree. Not that the unofficials—who are the nominated representatives of special interests—could have properly represented the popular view. Only elected representatives, such as the Reform Club is now trying to introduce, could have done that.

Such being the position, and since we have never asked to be governed by an official majority, it cannot be said that we the people have renounced our claim to reparations. Another objection put forward, that claims cannot be paid because they cannot be checked, is hardly an argument at all. Clearly the onus of proving claims is on the claimant. If I say I had \$50,000 worth of objects of art, I must prove their existence and value, and the manner of their loss. Certainly this investigation will cost money, but no more a small part of the total claims admitted.

One other argument, contra, put forward somewhat facetiously by the Government, that reparation for war purposes affords a stronger claim than damage by fire, is nominally a mere red herring to confuse the issue. Whether particular war losses were inflicted by our own Government or by the enemy, in either case they are losses direct by due to the war and to the inadequacy of the defence preparations, and since we paid for the defence there is an equally strong claim to compensation in either case.

How much we should claim is evidently a different matter from the right to claim: we do not wish to be shylocks, and provided we are consulted we might be willing to agree to some discounting of claims, if it is shown that U. K. War Damage claimants generally received less than the amount of their losses.

The conclusion is inescapable that Hong Kong war damage claimants have outstanding a valid claim to war reparations against the U. K. taxpayer, and that whilst the assessment of the amount may be the subject of patriotic adjustment, the claim itself cannot be ignored, nor yet extinguished at the arbitrary fiat of the official majority on our representative Council.

"WAR DAMAGE" CLAIMANT

Fined For Taking Stones

Four men were charged before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday with removing stones from Government land without permit.

Tai Tin-kun was fined \$80 and the other three defendants, his assistants, were fined \$40 each.

According to the prosecution, defendants were seen on April 10 at the back of Tin Chi Road, collecting blast stones ready to be removed by lorry.

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A Chinese Appeal

Sir—Please forgive me for disturbing you and for telling you my awkward situation. I hope you will sympathise me and give me help.

I am a clerk of a local shipping firm. I am doing very well in my work, and with quite a good prospect. But, the question that is troubling me is this. I have a mother, two little sisters and a wife. As I am not earning enough presently to support them, I begin to worry.

I have the question considered for a long time, and I understand that, in order to solve this, I have to work harder. Then, I put an advertisement in the newspapers for a part-time job after 5.30 p.m. but, most unfortunately, with no response.

As the cost of living in Shanghai is getting higher every minute, my mother wrote to me for help every day. This awkwardness disturbed me even in my dreams, and I decided to write to you. I hope that you, in your generosity, will spare me a little space in your paper, such that I can appeal to the public, and call for help.

I was graduated from a Shanghai university, with a good knowledge of English (and accounting). I can type, and am conversant with general office routines. I can speak fluent English, and the Shanghai, Mandarin and Cantonese dialects, and I have not the least bad habits. I will take any job after 5.30 p.m. on any day, and I can assure you that I will work hard. Although jobs as typist, bookkeeper, interpreter, correspondent, private tutor or general office clerk suit me most, but on account of my old mother and the education of my two little sisters, I am prepared to accept even jobs as a cleaner, attendant or labourer of any nature.

It is not only I who shall be indebted to you for your generosity, but my family will be obliged as well if you can voice for me the sympathy of the public.

STANLEY CHANG.

Mrs. Komaroff's Funeral

The funeral of Mrs. Seraphina Semenozna Komaroff, aged 62, who died on Easter Sunday at her home at Kowloon City, took place at the Colonial Cemetery yesterday.

The Reverend Ustensky officiated.

Wrathes were sent by Vitaly, Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Huber and family, Mr. Delahunty and Dr. and Mrs. Vargassoff.

Those present included Mr. W.C. Simpson, Mr. A.P. Strachan, Mrs. M. Morgenstern, Mr. and Mrs. V.N. Doukals, Mr. Olofinak, Mrs. T. Vargassoff, Mrs. W.D. Delahunty, Mrs. Gail, Mrs. Byholov, and Mrs. Syrik.

'CHOA PO-UI' BANKER, DEAD

Mr. Choa Po-UI died early yesterday afternoon in his home after a fatal heart attack suffered while he was at the Race Course.

It was during the third race when Mr. Choa's heart attack came on. He was immediately rushed to his home in his car but succumbed soon afterwards.

The late Mr. Choa was a member of one of the oldest and most respected Chinese families in Hong Kong. He had been the proprietor for the Nederlandsche Indische Handelsbank (the Dutch Bank) for more than 25 years.

Mr. Choa leaves his wife, the third daughter of Mr. Hu Kam long, and a son, who has recently graduated from a medical College in London. He had been on the way back to the Colony.

The funeral of Mr. Choa Po-UI will take place at 2 p.m. today.

Mr. MacKenzie's Funeral Today

The funeral of Mr. Althair MacKenzie who died at the Queen Mary Hospital following a automobile accident in the Wanhsai District, on Sunday, will take place today.

The cortege will pass the Monument at 5 p.m.

Mr. MacKenzie arrived here from the United Kingdom last year. He has no relatives in the Colony. His brother connected with the Kowloon Dock, left Hong Kong some time ago on Home leave.

GETS TWO MONTHS

Next Elk Ching was sentenced by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday to two months' hard labour, and recommended for banishment for matching a wrist watch from an American sailor on April 10.

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HK Enjoys Varied Easter Events

The Easter story in any place that has an Easter at all, is always a bright sunny day, no matter what the weather chooses to be. That is because there is always a Spring following it, accentuating the picture of fashionable women and Easter brides; long holidays and the Races; and most of all happy children and their Easter eggs.

Easter this year had all this for Hong Kong and more as there were plenty and parties in the country side, at the benches, sports and games in the clubs, after solemn services and traditional pomp in the churches. And Rain!

Races As Usual

The Races were on yesterday, and that seemed to be the most important thing with the Colony. At Happy Valley on Saturday and Monday Easter brought about its yearly parade of beautiful women in the arms of dashing sportsmen.

Easter bunnies were, however, few. But they abounded, all in modern copies, set off in dazzling attire which only beautiful women can appreciate, provided some welcome distraction from the horses, especially when luck ran out or the jockey did.

On Sunday morning, helpline of the Christian churches all over the Colony pealed the glorious Resurrection.

The Chinese Christian churches in the Colony held two Easter open air services yesterday morning, one on the Mainland, the other in the Island.

Rain Interfered

The rain again interfered with the service arranged to be held on the Murray parade ground. As a result the service was continued in St. John's Cathedral.

In Kowloon, the open air service began at the Chinese YMCA grounds. This was later shifted into the Association's auditorium and was successfully carried through.

To the Catholic Church in particular, Easter is a festival second to none in the calendar. Decoration in various parishes, distributed all over the Colony and in chapels of every convent and Catholic institution, brightened with flowers and colours, the holy images, shedding their mantles of purple with which they have been covered all during the 40 days of lent.

Confirmation Rites

The climax of the Catholic's Easter came yesterday when hundreds of children went through their confirmation ceremony at Rosary Church, Kowloon.

Dressed traditionally as miniature brides, little girls, bearing lace entwined candles took their places in the cushioned pews. The boys, richly dressed, in the same manner, took their vows alongside their Catholic sisters, with god-parents of both, standing protectively by.

It was a grand day for the Catholic children, who celebrated their confirmation in traditional lavish parties at home attended by friends and relatives in the style that no birthday in their lives could bring.

So ends Easter in Hong Kong this year.

MISS WHEELER, MR. EVANS WED

Miss Priscilla Muriel Wheeler and Mr. Kenneth Evans were married yesterday at St. Teresa's Church.

Father Orlando conducted the ceremony. The bride was given away by Mr. G. Fowler, her grandfather. Mr. Derek Headman was bestman. Misses Joan and Mary Wheeler, the bride's younger sisters, were bridesmaids.

The bride wore a Victorian-style gown of white satin champagne, with a silver cord tied around the waist and hanging full length in the front. Her floor-length tulle veil was attached to a silver sequin Juliet cap. She wore silver sandals and carried a sheaf of Avon lilies tied with tulle and silver ribbon. Around her neck was a chain at the end of which hung a platinum and diamond cross.

The bridesmaids' gowns were of daffodil-coloured organza with close-fitting bodices and full skirts with tiered folds on the bottoms of the skirts to match the shoulder line. Sashes of Larkspur blue velvet provided a pleasing touch of contrast. Their gold sequin Juliet caps were matched with gold sandals. They carried sheaves of blue larkspurs tied with gold ribbon. The bride's mother wore a full-length gown of Larkspur blue wool-de-cline, with black accessories.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the Government Electrical Department Quarters in Hong Kong. Mr. and Mrs. Evans are spending their honeymoon at Repulse Bay.

Mr. Pardee Lowe, Administrative Director of the United States Education Fund, arrived here yesterday by Pan American plane from Shanghai.

HOME FOR AGED WOMEN OPENED

A home exclusively for aged women was officially opened at Shatin, New Territories, Kowloon. Presided over by Mr. J. Barrow, the opening ceremony was attended by more than 2,000 persons.

This is the second home for aged in the Colony. The first one, situated in Ngauchuiwan, Kowloon City, accommodates both men and women.

The Shatin home for aged was founded by members of "Hsin Tien Tao," a combination of Confucianism, Buddhism and Taoism with the assistance of their affiliated charitable organisations. Only women over 60 are admitted to the home.

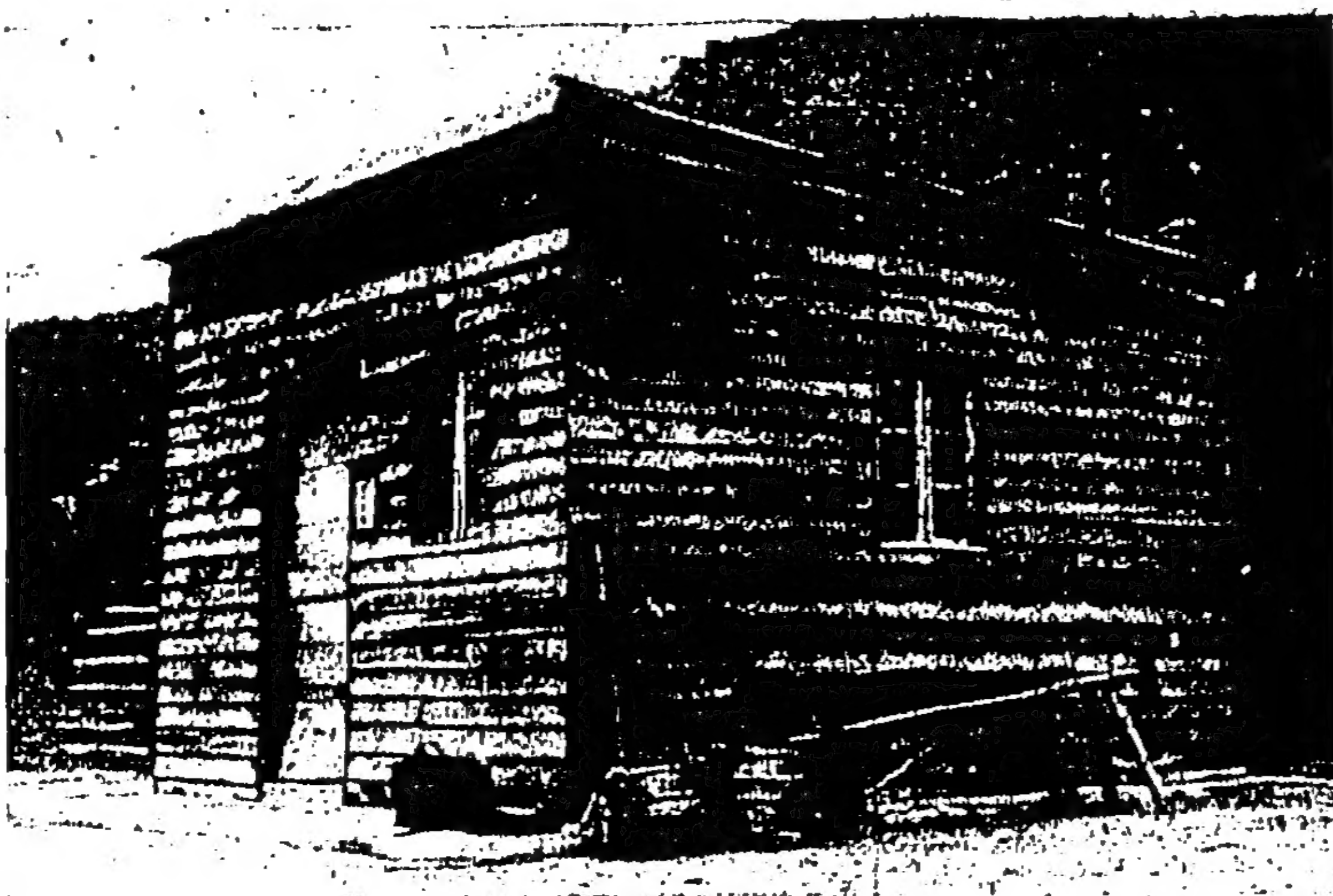
Though the home was only opened yesterday it is already completely full. Altogether there are 63 women in the home. They were recommended by charitable organisations. Henceforth, they don't have to worry about anything, as both food and clothing

will be provided to them by members of "Hsin Tien Tao". Neatness and simplicity were the first impression gained by visitors. The home consists of five buildings, one for ceremonial affairs and four for dormitories. Besides the buildings there is a garden.

Mr. Shum Choy-wah, Commissioner of New Territories, who is now in charge of the home said that he intended to ask the Hong Kong Government for more land in order to set up a home for aged men.

"Hsin Tien Tao", founded in the early part of Ching Dynasty, through the efforts made by their members has expanded to Singapore, Saigon and places in the South Seas.

A Model Hut For Squatters



A model wooden hut designed by the Urban Council, for a site in Mount Davis, where 50 such huts will be built and allotted to squatters. The square hut, 20 feet each side, has two bedrooms, one sitting room and a kitchen.

HOUSING PROJECT IN KENNEDY TOWN

Under a scheme planned by the Chung Sing Benevolent Society, 50 square wooden huts will be built in Mount Davis, Kennedy Town, and allotted to those squatters whose homes were recently torn down by order of the Government.

A spokesman of the Society told the "China Mail" yesterday that many tenders from contractors have been received. The Society will have the huts built immediately after the lowest tender is accepted on April 20.

The entire project will be carried out according to designations of the Social Welfare Office and the Urban Council. The Society will extend 60 per cent of the total cost of the huts. The amount extended will be repaid by beneficiaries in installments over a period of one year.

The remaining 40 per cent will be borne by the beneficiaries themselves. Each hut it is estimated will cost \$800, but the squatters will

be provided by the Government with free electricity and water. No rent will be charged.

The Society will conduct welfare programmes including free schooling for youngsters in the district, first aid and health centres.

It was reported that more than 100 squatters have already registered as members of the new colony.

Mrs. Ivy Morris Slightly Better

The condition of Mrs. Ivy K. Morris, who was seriously injured when river pirates attacked the boat on which she was travelling Saturday night, was reported yesterday evening to be slightly improved.

It was learned at Queen Mary Hospital that Mrs. Morris was getting along well after a minor operation.

Mrs. Morris, wife of Mr. W. J. Morris of the Works Department of the Hong Kong Land Investment Company, was returning to Hong Kong from Kowloon on the Kwong Fook Cheung when pirates machine-gunned the vessel.

Mr. Lau, a well-known local Chinese sportsman, was killed.

HMT DUNERA LEAVES FOR UK

HMT Dunera sailed for the United Kingdom yesterday with personnel of the three Services and their dependents, most of whom are on furlough.

Conspicuous among the passengers were the crew of HMS Sussex, who are on leave. Replacements for HMS Belfast, aboard which the Sussex personnel had been working since their own ship left the Colony last January, arrived by HMT Dunera recently.

Many well-known Service sporting personalities were aboard, including Mr. C. Tunstall, otherwise known as "See Tee," accompanied by his wife, SMI Easton and Mrs. Easton, and Rafferty, Higgins, Rowlands and Holloway of the Royal Navy Soccer XI.

The Service personnel included 463 men of all ranks, 134 officers, 60 women members and 50 children.

There were several civilian passengers, including Mr. J. Kincaid, Mr. H. Lamont and Mr. C. Bradley.

WILLIAM YIP DRUNK AGAIN

William Yip who had been convicted several times on the charge of being drunk and incapable faced Mr. d'Almeida at Central yesterday again on the same charge.

The defendant, aged 20, reported to be from a respectable family, claimed to be insane. He said that when he was 25 he was seriously sick. Henceforth, he had to have something to drink all the time.

He was remanded for three days for medical examination.

Founder Of China Children's Fund

Dr. Calwit Clarke, Founder and Executive of the China Children's Fund, visited the Happy Children's Home at Fanling, New Territories, during the week-end. The Fund supports some 7,000 Chinese orphans in 50 orphanages in China and Hong Kong.

Some 125 inmates of the Happy Children's Home welcomed Dr. Clarke at a meeting presided over by the Reverend Mr. Lau Yuet-sing.

On behalf of the Home, Mr. Daniel Djung, Honorary Superintendent of the Home, thanked Dr. Clarke for all that he has done for the Home. Dr. Clarke was also requested to convey the Home's gratitude to the sponsor of the Fund in the United States.

In reply, Dr. Clarke said that he was glad to see the children looking so well and so happy. He said he wished all the sponsors in America could be here to see the good work that the Home was doing.

He also hoped that he could take all children to America to give them a treat.

He added that most of the children on the walls or pianos, in their houses.

He reminded the children that as China had come to a most critical stage in her history, they must make a determined effort to be good and useful citizens so that they might take part in the re-building of a New China.

Dr. Clarke also visited other children at the Fanling Babies' Home, and the Tai Po Orphanage where about 60 children are under the support of the Fund.

Dr. Clarke left today for Shanghai and North China.

SS. HUNAN TRIP CANCELLED

Passengers and cargo aboard the ss. Hunan, which has been delayed by engine trouble from leaving for Tientsin, will be transferred to another Butterfield and Swire steamer, the ss. Nanchang, it was learned yesterday.

The Hunan has cancelled her trip and is now at B9, undergoing repairs.

The cargo was taken to the Nanchang yesterday. A little more than 100 passengers will leave by the Nanchang within two days.

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Teheran Denounces A Treaty

Teheran, April 17. Usually reliable sources said today that the Government told Russia it considers null and void three key articles of the 1921 Irano-Russian treaty.

The clauses denounced, informants said, are those which permit Russia to send troops into Iran in certain circumstances to control Caspian Sea fisheries and Iranian Customs tariffs.

Informants close to the Government said the repudiation was communicated to the Russian Ambassador, Mr. Ivan Sadechikov, before he left for Moscow on Friday. They added that Mr. Sadechikov was also told that Iran would protest to the United Nations unless Russian pressure is eased.

Iran is reported to have told Russia that membership in the United Nations automatically cancels all treaties entered into under duress. United Press.

San Francisco, April 18. Steamer Silverplane sailed on Saturday for Manila. Associated Press.

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Berlin, April 18.

East zone Germans are putting pressure on the Russians to lift the Berlin blockade.

"Die Welt," official British Army paper at Hamburg, said the pressure arises from the desire to resume trade with West Germany.

The newspaper declared that Vladimir Dekanosov, Soviet Ambassador to Germany when London attacked the Soviet Union, has been in Berlin for several days to advise the Soviet military administration on these proposals about resuming inter-zonal trade and traffic which have now reached a decisive stage.

M. Dekanosov is said to have played an important role in Soviet occupation policies in Germany.

"Die Welt's" reports appeared only a day after the Allied lift shattered all records for a 24-hour period by flying 12,040 tons of food and other supplies into the blockaded city.

The newspaper's story was supported in part by Lawrence Wilkinson, economic adviser to the U.S. Military Governor Lucius D. Clay.

Mr. Wilkinson said the Economic Commission of the Soviet zone had sent informal communications to German officials in Frankfurt asking them to make common cause to get trade started again between East and West Germany.

"Nothing Doing"

This trade embargo after the Russian blockade of the Berlin blockade and Western occupation authorities instituted a counter-blockade on trade with the Eastern zone.

Mr. Wilkinson said the American answer to the Russian zone overtures was "Nothing doing. No trade until the blockade of Berlin is fully lifted." He said the natural inference is that the overtures were prompted by the harmful effects of the blockade on East German economy.

"Die Welt" said the Russian zone Germans are pleading with the Soviet military administration to get rail transport and trade going again with the West as soon as possible even if the deal has to include Berlin.

"This would mean that in an indirect manner the blockade of Berlin should at least be loosened," said "Die Welt."

This was three days after Friedrich Ebert, mayor of the Communist Government of East Berlin, publicly proposed that trade be restored between the two sections of the city.

"Die Welt" said the Communist-controlled German Economic Commission is telling the Russians that if Western products are not obtained soon the Russian

Fight Against Influenza

London, April 18. National organizations in all parts of the world are co-operating with a team of scientists working in London to find a means of combating influenza. Local centres supply the information and assist by calling on the London centre for supplies for diagnosis. Japan and Singapore are among the places which have already made such requests.

The World Influenza Centre was set up in London in June last year under the auspices of the World Health Organization. Its purpose is to correlate information from all parts of the world and to investigate the change and variations in the virus which causes the disease. One of the many experts recruited for the task is Dr. C. M. Chu, a graduate of the National Medical College of Shanghai who has been studying and working in England since 1946.

INDIAN SILK

New Delhi, April 17. The Indian Government has decided to continue for two years the protection on the present basis for the Indian artificial silk industry, the Ministry of Commerce announced tonight. —Reuter.

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7.30 p.m.—"The New Song." Presented by Allen Woods. (Studio)
8.00 p.m.—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)
8.15 p.m.—"Meet the Paragons." (Studio)
8.30 p.m.—"Grand Hotel." Albert Sandler and the Palm Court Orchestra with Frederick Harvey (Baritone). (BBC7B)
9.00 p.m.—"From The Editorials." (London Relay)
9.10 p.m.—Interlude.
9.15 p.m.—"The Brain Trust." (BBC7B)
9.45 p.m.—Chamber Music Recital: "Sonata" Sonata in A major, Op. 69 (Bethoven)... Arthur Schnabel (Piano) Pierre Fournier, (Cello) p.m.—"Music for You." (GRB)
10.10 p.m.—Dance to Joe Lema and his Orchestra.
11.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel. (London Relay)
11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

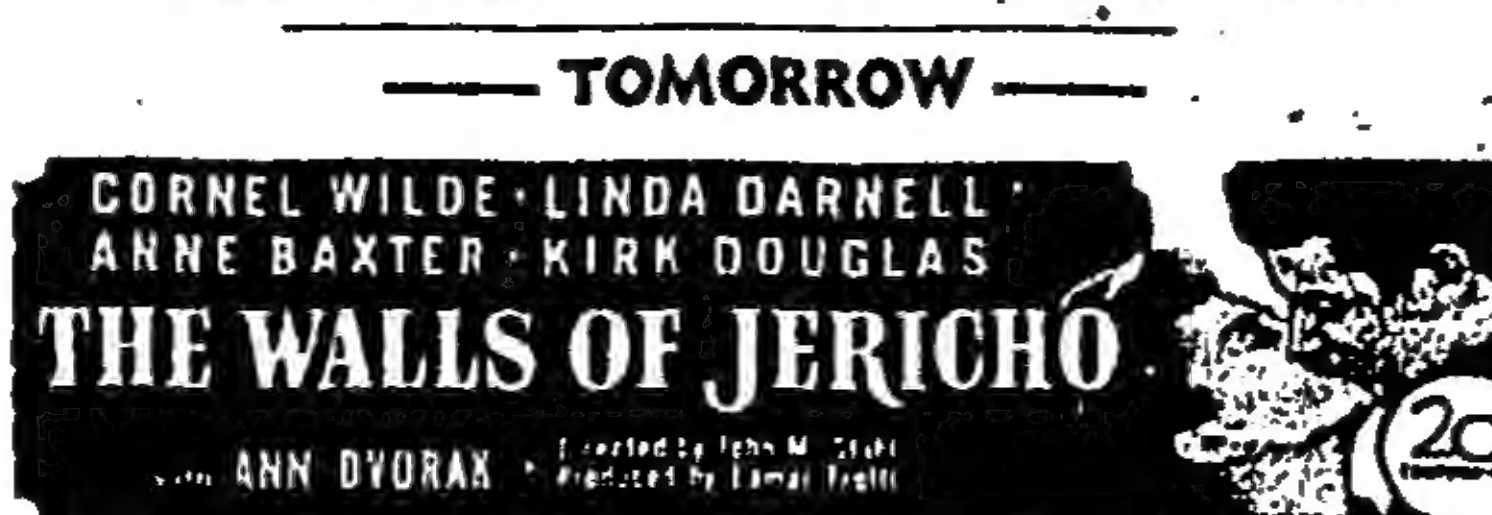
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IMPORTANT ADVANCE IN CANCER RESEARCH

Detroit, April 17.

At least three types of mice cancer can be destroyed by a virus known as Russian Far Eastern encephalitis.

The 14th annual meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research was told this today.

The report came from Dr. Alice Moore of the Memorial Hospital centre for Cancer and Allied Diseases in New York City. She reported that the virus had a strong affinity for cancerous tissue and destroyed cancer in time. However, the virus also attacks the normal tissue of mice.

It has not been used in human cases and will not be used until very thorough laboratory tests have been conducted. Dr. Moore gave no indication as to when these tests might be concluded.

Dr. Moore said encephalitis was a virus disease somewhat similar to poliomyelitis. In some cases it was difficult to distinguish between the symptoms. The virus is sub-microscopic in size. Dr. Moore pointed out that the virus had a definite preference for Sarcoma 180, a transplanted cancer, and in the process of infection could destroy it.

She added that the discovery was of only theoretical value at the present stage and the virus was too strong for practical use. "But the important finding was that cancerous tissue was destroyed before healthy tissue was destroyed," she said. The next step would be an attempt to change the virus or to find another type which was less violent.

"If we can change the virus to protect healthy tissue, we might be able to cure mice with it," she said. "This has been done with virus used to cure other diseases. And it is possible that the same changes can be made in the encephalitis virus to accomplish the same thing." —United Press.

London, April 17. Field Marshal Lord Chetwode, who was Commander-in-Chief, India, from 1930 to 1935, has recovered from a week-long illness and returned home from a London nursing home. He is 79. —Reuter.

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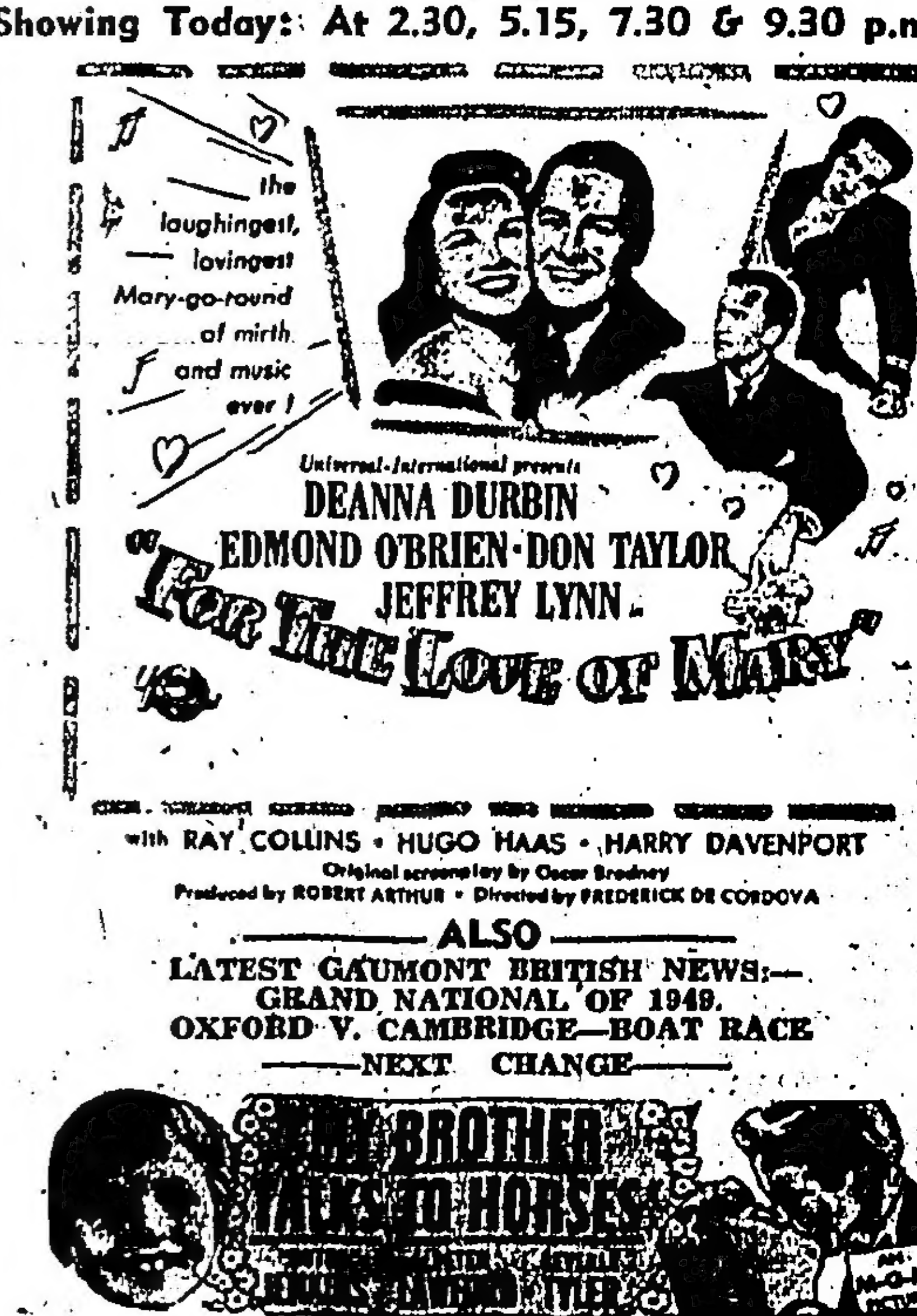


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BRADMAN SPEAKS OUT

The Truth About Australia's Fielding

by Don Bradman



Looking back on my experiences as leader of the Australian cricket team, I feel some things can now be said that had to be left unsaid while I was taking part in the matches.

These days the task of a touring team's captain is of such magnitude that very few people appreciate its responsibility.

I venture to say that not many men in any walk of life go through a strain so heavy or continuous, during a period of six months or more, as the captain of a touring Test side.

Moreover, the task of an Australian captain in England is more exacting than that of an English captain in Australia. At least, that is my impression.

A growing number of functions has to be attended, and more and more importance is placed on his remarks. The terrible publicity associated with anything the team does, and the need to be as diplomatic as possible in the handling of all situations affecting captain or players, add enormously to the burden.

Unfortunately, there are always people who do not appear to be interested in a cricket tour going smoothly. They seem to be on the look-out for something to criticise.

I will cite only two instances. Just before the first Test match of the recent series a critical article about me, by a journalist who had been a contemporary player, appeared in an English newspaper.

It was a very long article, and it was obvious that, in my position, I could not reply immediately.

I Refused To Be Drawn

The writer allowed himself much licence. The result was that prominent English cricket legislators came to me, expressed their disgust and assured me the views printed were absolutely contrary to those held by English legislators and players.

On another occasion there was published what was called an Open Letter to Bradman. The article contained certain allegations which I had only to glance at and which I thought deserved a very harsh reply.

But they went unanswered because I suspected that one aim was controversy—to try to draw me into a discussion which would attract attention and notoriety.

These things are only pinpricks really. They should not be part of the captain's job. But they accompany and overload the continuous strain of having to be in the field day after day, five or six days a week for months on end, thinking about and planning not only the current day's play but future matches; of having to attend to hundreds of little duties behind the scenes and to oceans of correspondence.

In the early stages of the last English tour my mail was so great that I was not able to receive more than 600 letters in two days. It was impossible for me, personally, to open and read all this correspondence, let alone answer it. This duty had to be delegated to someone else.

I am not recalling this by way of complaint. Such a mail was really a compliment. But I am anxious for the public to have a

Western democracies, no age of power politics. But if foreign shipping is allowed to call at Chinese coastal ports, could pressure not be brought to bear to protect it by foreign gunboat patrols? Territorial rights would not be infringed if prior permission were given—and is China in any position to refuse a reasonable request from a strong, friendly nation?

Locally, there is the inevitable excuse for inaction: "You don't understand all the implications and complications." We certainly don't. And we are too far away from Whitehall for the Socialists to worry much about us, except when Washington puts on the screw, as in the current gold ban. So it is our bet that until a large Butterfield and Swire or Jardine's vessel with a number of British-born notables goes up in smoke, the pirates' life will continue to be a happy one. Perhaps, if they continue to be good and dynamite only Chinese-owned craft (ignore the British flag), their leaders might be given the OBE?

better realisation of the demands made on players and on the captain in particular. Then they will be more tolerant if some little thing occurs which savours of irritation on the part of the captain.

Thousands Want Autographs

Take, for example, the fellow who comes to you when you are worried and hard pressed and says: "How do you do? Remember me? I met you 14 years ago."

For some minutes he refuses to give a clue to his identity. Then he says he met you at such-and-such a function, at which you were not even present. This has happened to me more than once.

He is annoyed if, after that, you say you are afraid you have not time to talk to him. The truth is, he has received more courtesy than he deserved.

Then there are autographs. Books, cards, newspaper photographs, cricket bats and all kinds of things are brought to you for signature. Only touring teams know how this craze has grown.

Some youngsters seem to live at hotel entrances day and night. I could not even leave my hotel to do some private shopping without being followed up the street.

One day in London I answered a knock on my bedroom door to find a boy standing there.

"Will you sign this, please?" he asked.

"First of all, sonny, how did you get here?"

"Just came up the stairs, sir."

"You have no right to come up to my room in an hotel like this."

"No, I know sir, but my pal's got one, sir."

And round the corner I saw the grinning face of his confederate.

Just a small incident, but magnify it a 100 times in various ways. One is torn between the desperate need for a little peace and privacy and the innermost desire to encourage the enthusiasm of the coming players who do not dislike signing autographs. They wish to do everything possible to oblige youngsters and so help to kindle their enthusiasm for the game.

But when requests come in not by the score but by the thousand, a cricketer is hurrying to get back to the hotel for a meal before the waiters go off duty; the player is entitled to some sympathy.

Behind all this is the fact that cricketers are normal human beings. Nearly all have a wife and family to whom, naturally, they wish to write, and there is little enough time for these things.

Why Invitations Are Refused

In various quarters it seems to be felt that, unless a player has a cast-iron engagement of an official character, he has no excuse for refusing some other invitation. This is far from true.

All players must have a certain amount of time to attend to their own private affairs and to relax in reasonable peace and quiet. Otherwise their nervous systems, particularly in the case of leading players, would not stand up to the exacting strain a tour places on them.

The modern Test tour is attended by fierce limelight—good for the game, generally speaking, but apt to complicate things for the captain and his comrades.

Remembering the physical fitness demanded of players anxious to be at their best in Tests and tour games, and the fact that they are sometimes suffering from injury or minor illness unknown to the public, I think these comments may assist to remove misunderstandings.

Now to the field of play. One is apt to come under fire in various ways, and criticism is sometimes unjustified.

After this year's Test match at Nottingham and that little scene

concerning Keith Miller's bowling, I think it desirable to make brief comment on the question of the fast bumping ball.

The whole question goes back to 1932. Until then, so far as I can recall, there had been no objection to the fast bowler dropping the ball short, because it had never been done as a deliberate act of policy with a supporting field.

It had been used only occasionally in an effort to force the batsman to hook the ball, and was therefore a legitimate method of trying to get him out.

It was in August, 1932, that Bill Bowes bowled to Jack Hobbs at the Oval in a way that brought criticism on his head from Mr. F. F. (now Sir Pelham) Warner.

This is a very important landmark in the bowling of short-pitched balls, because Hobbs took exception to it and Sir Pelham wrote a severe criticism of Bowes' bowling tactics. To my knowledge, this was the first time any real objection to that type of bowling had been voiced.

'Not Bowling', Said Warner

But on this occasion it was the organised attack, whereby a fast bowler continually and deliberately pitched the ball short, coupled with a strong leg field to take advantage of it. This was the point to which exception was taken and which finally brought matters to a head.

EDITOR'S NOTE.—Sir Pelham in his report of this Surrey v Yorkshire match in August, 1932, wrote in the "Morning Post": "While giving Yorkshire all credit for their outcricke, Bowes bowled with five men on the on-side, and sent down several very short-pitched balls which repeatedly bounced head high and more."

"Now that is not bowling; indeed, it is not cricket. To adopt the fast bowlers' method of bowling is to stop in and penalise the bowler who bowled the ball less than half way up the pitch."

"I appeal to Bowes, and go others, if any, who may have influenced him to his present style to get him back to orthodox."

"I could not have been a very pleasant day's cricket. First we saw obvious protests on the field from Hobbs, then the crowd shouted for Bowes to be taken off, and later Macaulay went down two fast full-pitches to the Surrey captain. Very coolly Mr. Jardine ducked and the first 'header' went for four byes, the second being taken by the wicket-keeper."

"Moreover, these things lead to reprisals—and when they begin goodness knows where they will end."

Eventually it was outlawed by MCC bringing in a law giving umpires power to stop this sort of bowling, and I do not think any bowler has been questioned under that law since.

The point is that if a bowler bowls to a normal field of, say, three men on the leg side, and if he persists in bowling the ball short with such a field, the batsman who is able to hook will get plenty of runs.

In 1928-29 in Australia, for instance, Larwood bowled short bumping time after time—but with an orthodox field; he often got hit for four and no one took any exception to it.

I do not think any notice would have been taken of short-pitched balls in England in 1948 had it not been for the memory of events in the 1932-33 tour in Australia.

The Nottingham Apology

Possibly, also, colour was added by the fact that last summer English batsmen were weak on the hook shot and the crowd often thought they were in danger when,

in actual fact, they were in no danger at all.

I have heard no word of complaint about the "bumper" of 1948 from any cricketer, past or present, who understood the game. The only complaint came from the uninitiated. Hence the apology of Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club after the unseemly barrack-

The English players themselves quite freely admitted that the fast bowler had a perfect right to bowl a short one here and there if he wished, and they knew and respected my attitude that in no circumstances would I ever allow the placing of a field to take advantage of that type of bowling, other than in the ordinary legitimate course of events.

A bowler is just as entitled occasionally to force a man into trying to make a hook shot as he is to tempt him to make a cover drive, so long as his tactics are not exposing the batsman to the more than accidental risk of physical injury.

Finally, the best answer to any criticism which may have been voiced of our fast bowlers is that two English umpires were officiating in every match, and they did not at any time question the type of cricket that was being played.

Earl, in the tour considerable prominence was given to the fact that we usually placed at least one man very close to the batsman at short leg.

It was even said that Sid Barnes folded with one foot on the pitch. That was never done. What a reflection on the integrity and competence of English umpires to suggest such a thing!

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So those people who jump to hasty conclusions and read the captain's mind are not always correct.

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Myrtle says Mao seems to have put the Nationalists behind the eight ball.

Someone is offering for sale an "ideal car for summer swimming." As Myrtle pointed out, isn't that duckie? And think of the amount you could save in ferry charges.

Uncle Sam will soon be giving the de(naz)ified Germans an luke, teen-weeny U-boat to raise their shattered Teuton morale....

Followers of "Napier" report that since taking his tips they have been finding it a much happier Valley.

Our gold dealers will hardly get an ounce of public sympathy.

Bangle and bracelet business is now due for a boom. But those Shanghai types ordering a few hundreds are not necessarily local bluebeards.

The "formal" peace talks following the "informal" ones by the same people remind me of Leg. Co. rubber-stamping publication of a bill already fixed in Ex. Co. Nothing like an odd sop to the plebs.

What the Red armies feel those Yangtze bridgeheads really lack are bridges.

Regarding the hullabaloo made by Doo Mo Loo, civic-minded correspondents will give their names when they can get gun licences to protect themselves afterwards.

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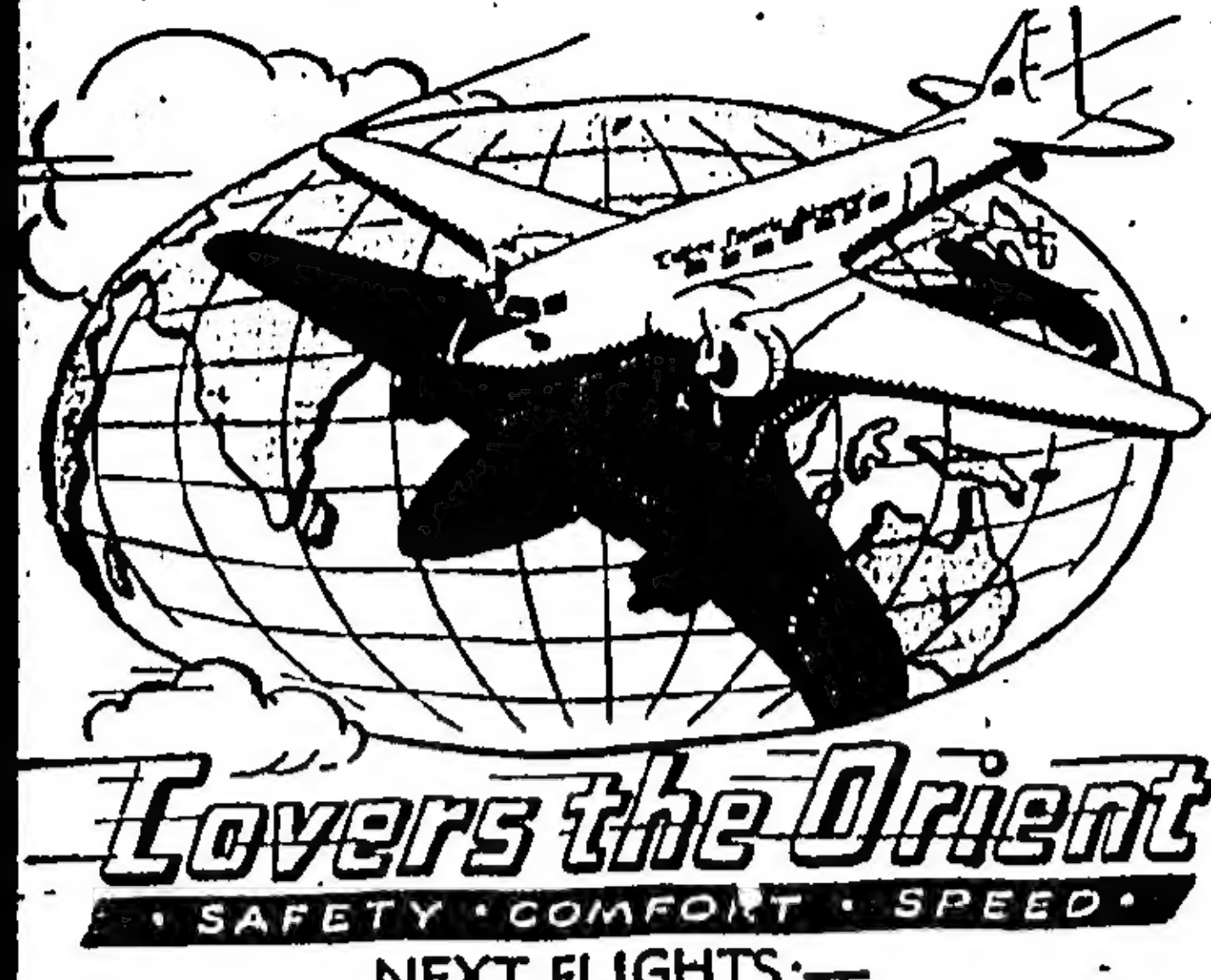
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Hong Kong Resident's Return To England

After an absence of nearly a year, my first thoughts on seeing England again were crystallised by a man leaning on the rail next to me.

We were watching great stretches of meadow land and grazing cattle go by as the ship made her leisurely way up the Thames and towards Tilbury. My friend had been away from England for 15 years, and thought it "was a grand sight."

After the bare and barren coastlines of the Red Sea and the Suez Canal zone, and the diminutive patches of Hong Kong's cricket and bowling greens, it most certainly was worth seeing.

I had laid out a heavy greatcoat, thick tweed suit, and pull-over in preparation for February weather, but they were quite unnecessary. The weather was warmer than the day we had left Hong Kong.

Customs were extremely lenient and the rumours of their harsh duty assessments unfounded, unless an article was obviously new, or of distinct value. It was ignored, and when duty was imposed the amount was very reasonable. I had hoped to leave London that same day by car, but as the tank contained only two gallons of borrowed petrol, it was necessary to obtain some coupons, and any hopes I had entertained of soon abandoned.

An official of the Board of Trade explained that if I were of any other nationality in the world but British it would be very simple, but as I was only a visitor to my own country, things were rather more complicated. It would be necessary for me to apply at my Bank for a Tourist's Voucher Book, and then apply for an allowance.

Soon I was involved in an argument with the manager of the bank as to whether I was legally a tourist or not, but eventually won the day, and after complying with the regulations, which stipulated a tourist must change £25 sterling worth of foreign currency, I was allowed my book.

On production of this book to London. Dinner that night at the well known hotel I stayed at, was a distinct shock after the luxurious menu supplied by The Canton Hotel and the water by The Canton Hotel. A couple of leathery sausages and a pile of grey mashed potatoes, an anaemic looking baked apple, cup of coffee with one lump of sugar, and the bill for five shillings topped this dismal meal off.

I retired to the bar, where a whisky and soda and 20 cigarettes cost another eight shillings. I meditated on the meal five shillings would have obtained, even in Hong Kong.

Next day I had a good look around the shops, and saw a very decided increase in the quality and quantity of goods for sale everywhere. Prices seemed to have gone up however. A pair of shoes I had purchased in the Colony for \$30 compared very favourably with a pair almost identical in design and cost in a shop in Regent Street and costing the enormous sum of six guineas.

The barrow boys were still out in force, their fantastically padded shoulders and black homburgs, bent over barrows piled high with plums, apples, peaches, and oranges, all at a price well below that of Hong Kong's fruit.

At my hotel in the Lake District the food was a great improvement on that obtainable in the South of England, and although plain, was very well cooked. Shoes I had to clean myself; the manager explained that this



was due to a serious staff shortage (noticeable everywhere in Northern hotels). People nowadays wanted jobs with definite and fixed hours, he said, and this of course was impossible to guarantee.

I was soon to find that cigarettes were in extremely short supply, the better known brands all being sold under the counter, and of course to regular customers only. Everywhere there were to be seen brands of cigarettes never seen before by good class tobaccoists. One shop manager told me that more cigarettes than ever were being turned out and the shortage was due to increased consumption.

Friends in business who had once gloomily forecast the ruin of their small firms by the Labour Government's restriction and forcing filling provisions, now surprised me by recounting numerous instances of such restrictions and controls being removed. Many assured me that business was improving, and although there was not the money in circulation of a few years ago, a much more healthy attitude was to be noticed among shoppers; they were demanding value for money. In fact it was once again a "buyers market", a good thing for honest tradesmen and a bad thing for the "rip-off" artists.

They were not so happy about the new cars ordered two and three years ago and not yet recently in sight. I thought of the miles of new cars I had seen be-

ing driven to the docks on my journey North, and the full show-rooms of the Far Eastern ports.

Everywhere, motorists were to be heard loud and bitter in their complaints about the petrol rationing, and many were the words of wonder and schemes for taking the colour out of the industrial red petrol. One man assured me that the only practical way of doing this, short of redistillation, was to fieve it through an old top hat full of charcoal. Once during my travels I was stopped by a Fuel Officer and politely asked permission for a sample of the petrol in my tank. This was placed in a small phial and sealed up, to be sent off to their analytical chemists for testing. He assured me that although the colour of the petrol could in fact be removed, nothing would take out the secret chemical, in what he called "colloidal suspension."

Signing the book at one hotel, I was asked by the clerk "just



where Hong Kong was," after I had filled in the "last permanent address" column. He was surprised when I informed him that it was an island off the coast of South China, and asked him where he had thought it was. He admitted that he "didn't" had any idea. This ignorance of Hong Kong's geographical position is not uncommon in England, nor in fact is it confined only to know-

ledge of this colony. Asked in a Quiz by the question master for a name of a colony, a girl ventured to suggest that Lincolnshire was one.

On the tenth day of my holiday, I awoke to find it had snowed heavily in the night, and was still coming down fast. As I drove into town, with chains on the wheels, I reflected that only three weeks ago I had been severely sun burnt at Nengana.

Within a few hours the weather changed again, and the sun shone. I passed a new housing estate, and watched the finishing touches being given to many neat and well built dwellings. When only a year ago, I had passed this site, there had not been a trace of building activities. During the 300 mile drive from London, there were many of these new estates to be seen; housing seemed to be getting a deal of attention from its Ministry despite the scathing criticisms of the Oppositions supporters.

It was strange to find the Northern daily papers devoting at the most a paragraph of space to Far Eastern affairs; the fighting in North China is something never even mentioned. Going through the files of one paper for the preceding year, I came across the Van Heutz piracy case with up: one quarter paragraph. The piracy of the passenger plane on the Macao run, only half a dozen lines. The recent terrible disaster of the ferry boat on the Yangtze, and its enormous loss

Britain's Bonds With Far East

London, April 10.

"With her interests in the Orient and especially because of her long friendship with China I cannot see that it would be possible for Britain to sever her bonds with the Far East."

Thus Dr. Foo Ping-shang, Foreign Minister-elect of the Nationalist Government of China, expressed his view in part, as to whether Britain still has a role to play in North Eastern Asia.

Just how this country could best be of assistance to China at the moment he could not say because, as he explained, he had been so long away from his native land the information recently had been so meagre that he could not pose as an expert adviser in this connection.

Of life earned six lines, all coldly factual. On the same page there was a glowing headline of Miss Rita Hayworth's romance with Prince Aly Khan, complete with photographs.

This apparent indifference of the British public to Far Eastern news seems to be due in the first instance to the serious shortage of news print and in the second to their general apathy about the outside world. The murders and the "man bites dog" items receive the "two-penny coloured" treatment and the rest the "penny plain." The man who likes to know what is going on the rest of the world seems unfortunately in the minority, so he has to take what he is given.

One of the most popular occupations in Britain today seems to be the taking of the form of speculation of the probable outcome of the next General Election. Many people I met seem to think the Government will shortly relax many restrictions and existing controls, and also the iniquitous Purchase Tax, in order to bolster their lessening chances of re-election. Many people who said they had voted for the Labour Government four years ago, and expected a reasonable relaxation of taxation, are now getting tired of waiting.

As I drove down to Southampton, my 17 days in England nearly over, I thought of what I had seen in my short stay. Food was the black spot, dull and monotonous in hotels and cafes, and weekly rations in the home still ridiculously small. Clothing though now unrationed had become so dear as to make the average wage earner think very carefully before making a purchase. Coal production figures, although soaring, had not given any noticeable increase to the family supply.

To offset all this, however, there were many small but important things, the abundance of cheap and varied vegetables for the table, the lack of rationing in many parts of the world. Fruit also was varied and plentiful. Milk now unrationed and in good supply. The rapid progress of housing schemes and social services, free dental and medical treatment for all. And most important of all the vigorous uncompromising spirit of the vast majority of the people.

UNIONS MEETING IN MOSCOW

Moscow, April 17.

Trade union leaders, representing 12 countries, arrived today for the Soviet Trade Union Congress which is opening soon. Countries represented are Venezuela, Australia, Mongolia, Albania, Austria, China, Uruguay, Hungary, Bulgaria, North Korea, South Korea and Rumania.—United Press.

WORLD'S OLDESTERS ON THE INCREASE

Geneva, April 17.

Old members of the population, who consume, are increasing in many countries at a much higher rate than the younger members who produce, according to the World Health Organisation.

In an article in the WHO "Chronicle," the agency says the world's population has nearly doubled in the last 40 years. It rose from 1,606,000,000 in 1907 to an estimated 2,294,432,000 in 1946.

There will probably be a further increase of about six per cent by 1950, the article predicts.

"The reduction of adult mortality, especially by prevention of tuberculosis, has increased manpower, but has in turn been counteracted by the greater numbers reaching the age of 60," WHO says.

The article compares the increase, for each five years, in total population and in the age-group 20-59 in Denmark from 1925 to 1945. The total population increased by 2.4 per cent from 1925 to 1930; 4.4 per cent from 1930 to 1935; 3.7 per cent from 1935 to 1940 and 5.2 per cent from 1940 to 1945. The figures for the population between the ages of 20 and 59 for the corresponding periods were 7.7 per cent, 8.7 per cent, 5.0 per cent and 4.6 per cent.

While the ratio between the rate of increase of consumers and that of potential producers can be obtained in only a limited number of countries for lack of detailed statistics, it is likely that the results shown above for Denmark will apply in a general way to many other countries, the article says.

Lower Death Rate

It adds that while about 1930 potential producers increased at a much higher rate than consumers, the opposite is now the case as a result of the rising birth-rate and the increasing proportion of old people.

In spite of war losses the population of 13 European countries increased by about 7,087,000 from 1939 to 1947, as against an increase of 5,070,000 during the previous eight years. The population of the U.S. and Canada increased by 7,700,000 during the first eight years, and by 14,437,000 during the last eight years, until the middle of 1947. In Southern Europe and in France, death-rates have fallen rapidly. WHO predicts a further fall in the death-rate throughout the world, owing to increased control of tuberculosis, malaria, venereal diseases and maternal and child health.—United Press.

U.S. TO HELP COBALT PLAN

Washington, April 17.

The Economic Co-operation Administration today announced that the United States will help the United Kingdom increase its production of cobalt, in return for a five-year option to buy 10 per cent of increased cobalt production for U.S. stockpiles, by giving the U.K. \$550,000 to finance the procurement of U.S.-made plant items for use in expanding the Northern Rhodesia plant of the cobalt-producing Rhokana Corporation. ECA said that by procuring plant items in the U.S. the Rhokana Corporation will be able to complete its expansion programme 18 months ahead of its original schedule, which was based on procuring items in the U.K.—United Press.

RACIAL RIOTING WARNING

Capetown, April 17.

The South African Government Commission which investigated the South African-Indian rioting warned today that Africans might make another attack on Indians "to square their account."

In the two-day racial rioting 142 were killed and 1,087 were injured.

In its report published today on the causes of the rioting the Commission said: "Unless the position is carefully watched and all exhibitions of public violence firmly repressed the natives may make another attack upon Indians to square their account."

The position in Durban, scene of the race riots, needs constant vigilance, the report said.

It absolved the authorities from any blame for failing to prevent the initial outbreak. It also absolved the police from allegations that they had failed to repress the initial outbreak with vigour, and that they had encouraged the rioters.

"We are satisfied that the police acted with promptitude and discretion, considering the unexpectedness of the situation which had developed and the forces at their disposal."

Among the number of factors which the commission believes had caused the riots, the report lists the Africans' housing situation, "herding together" in compounds of large numbers of male Africans and the unsettling influence upon the African mind of the fact that South Africa has a hostile press abroad.—Reuter.

LEGION TROOPS CUT OFF

Morocco, April 17.

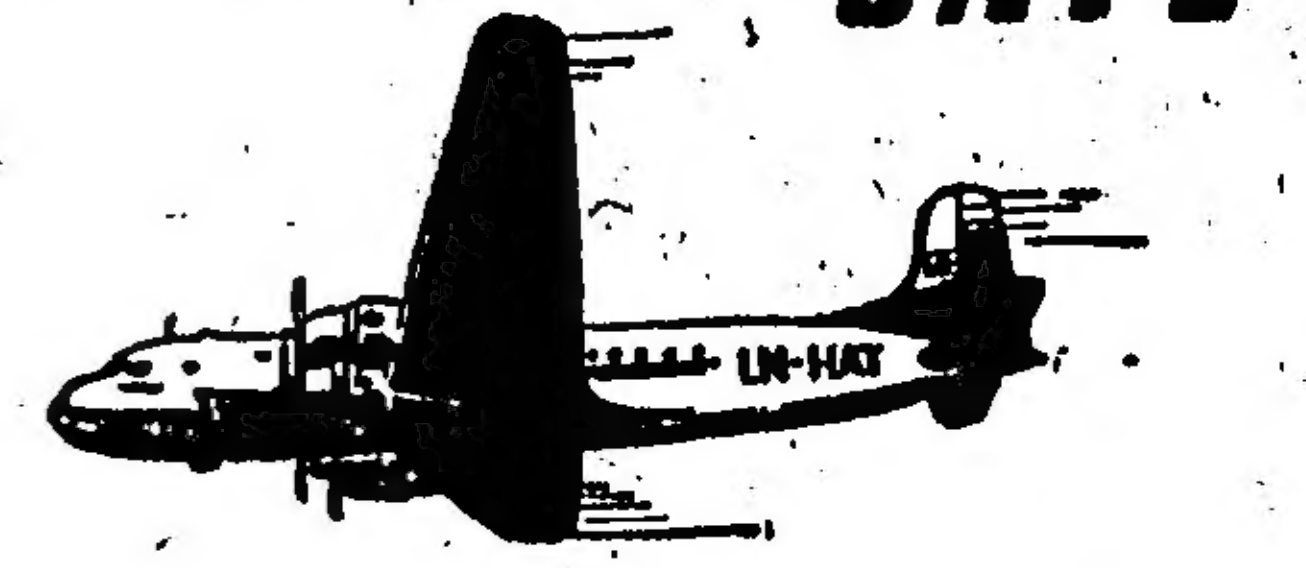
Floods in South Morocco have cut telephone lines, destroyed bridges and washed away stretches of roads.

No news has been received of an entire battalion of the Foreign Legion, for some days, the authorities said today.—Reuter.

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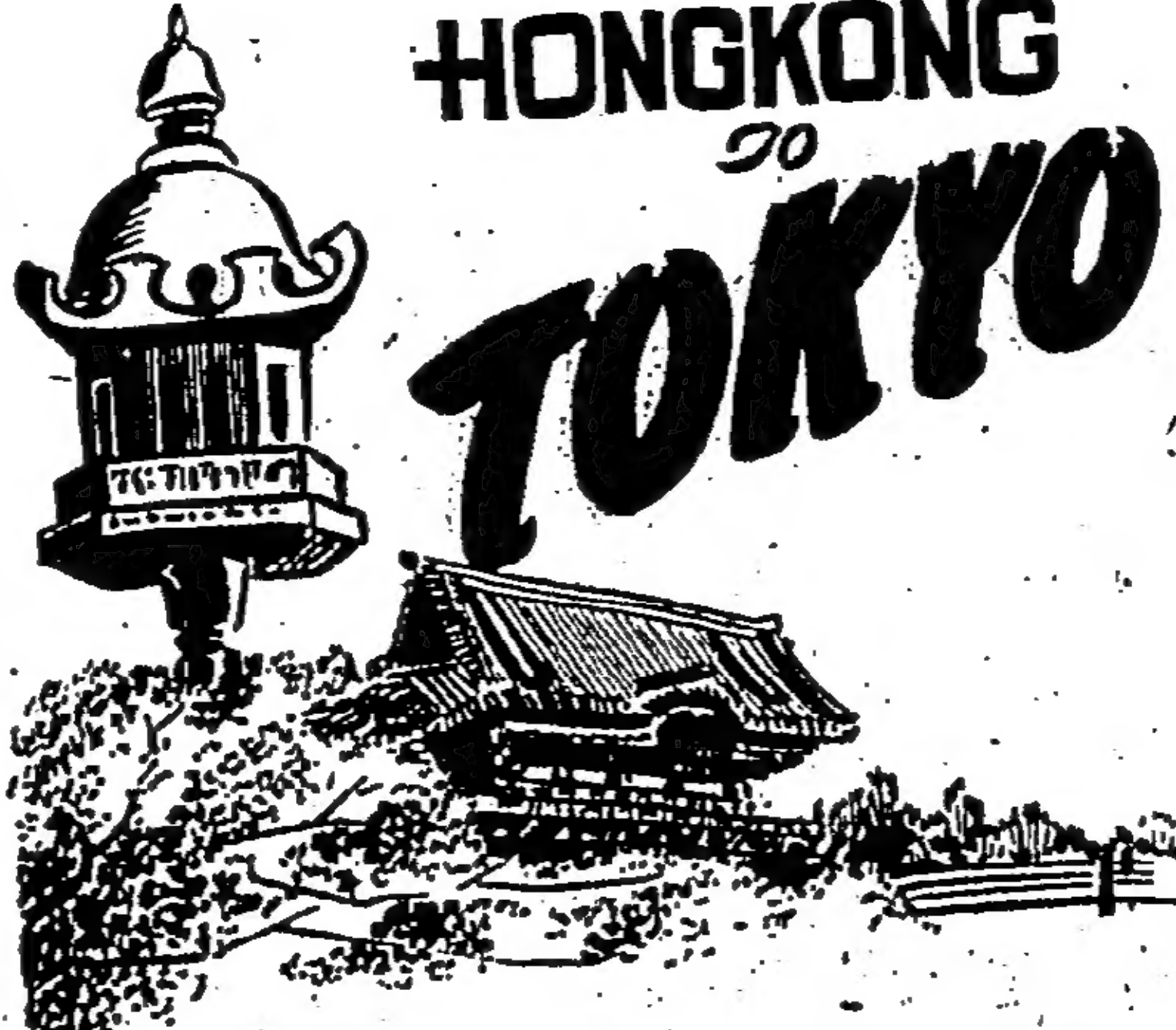
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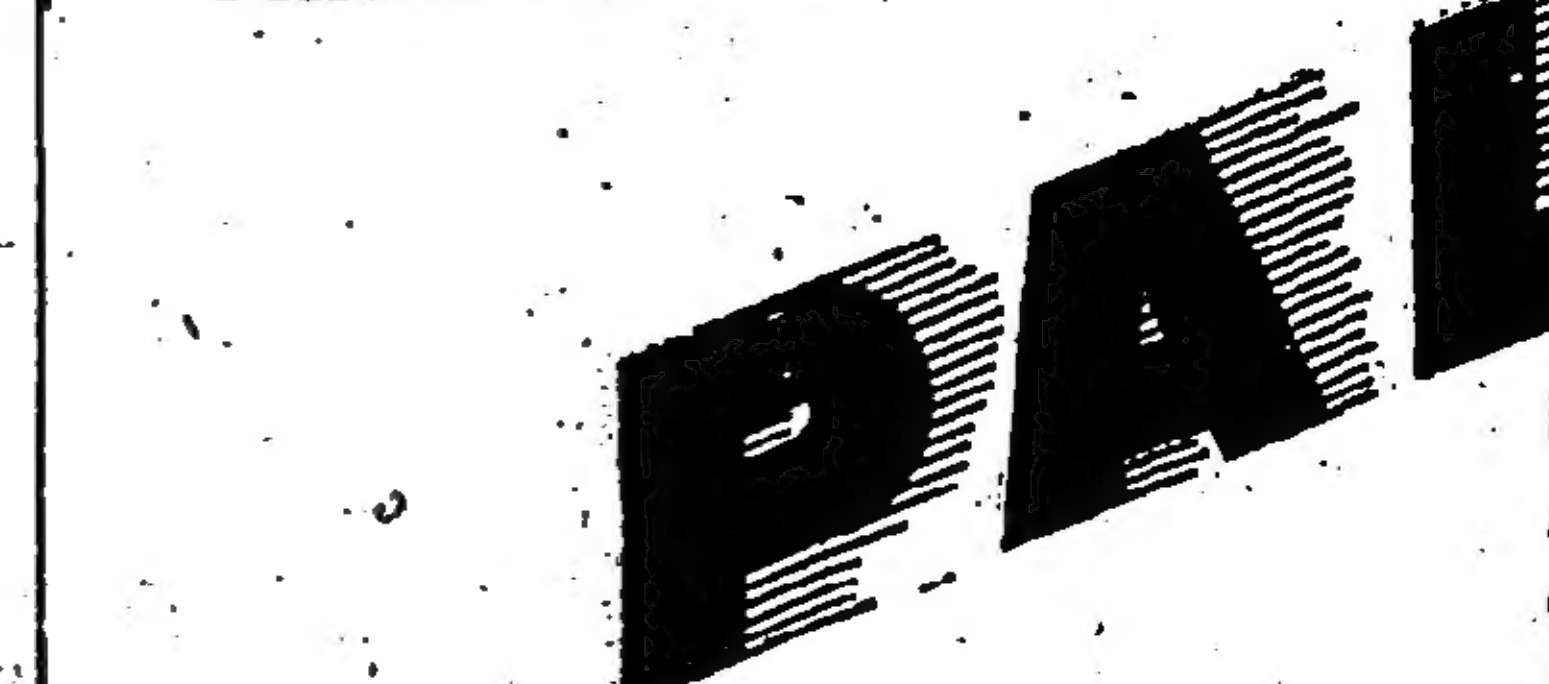
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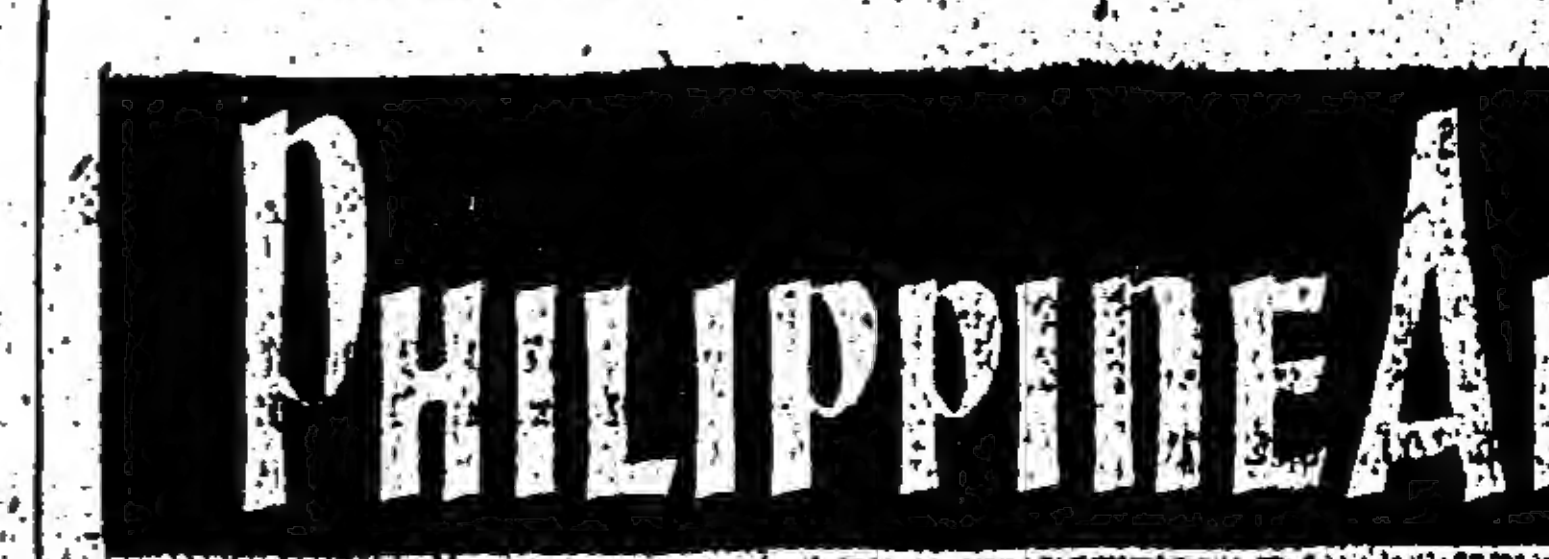
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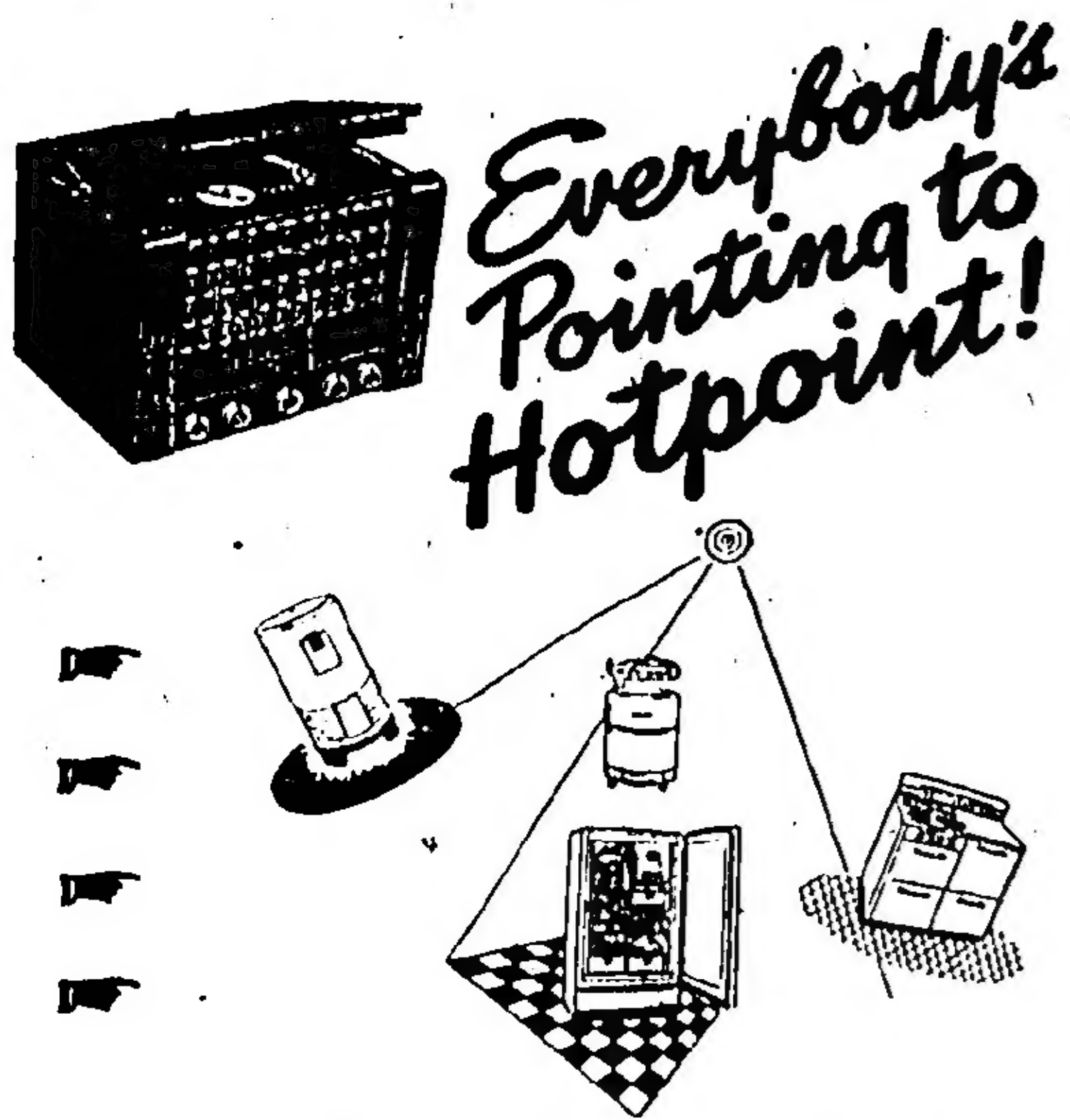


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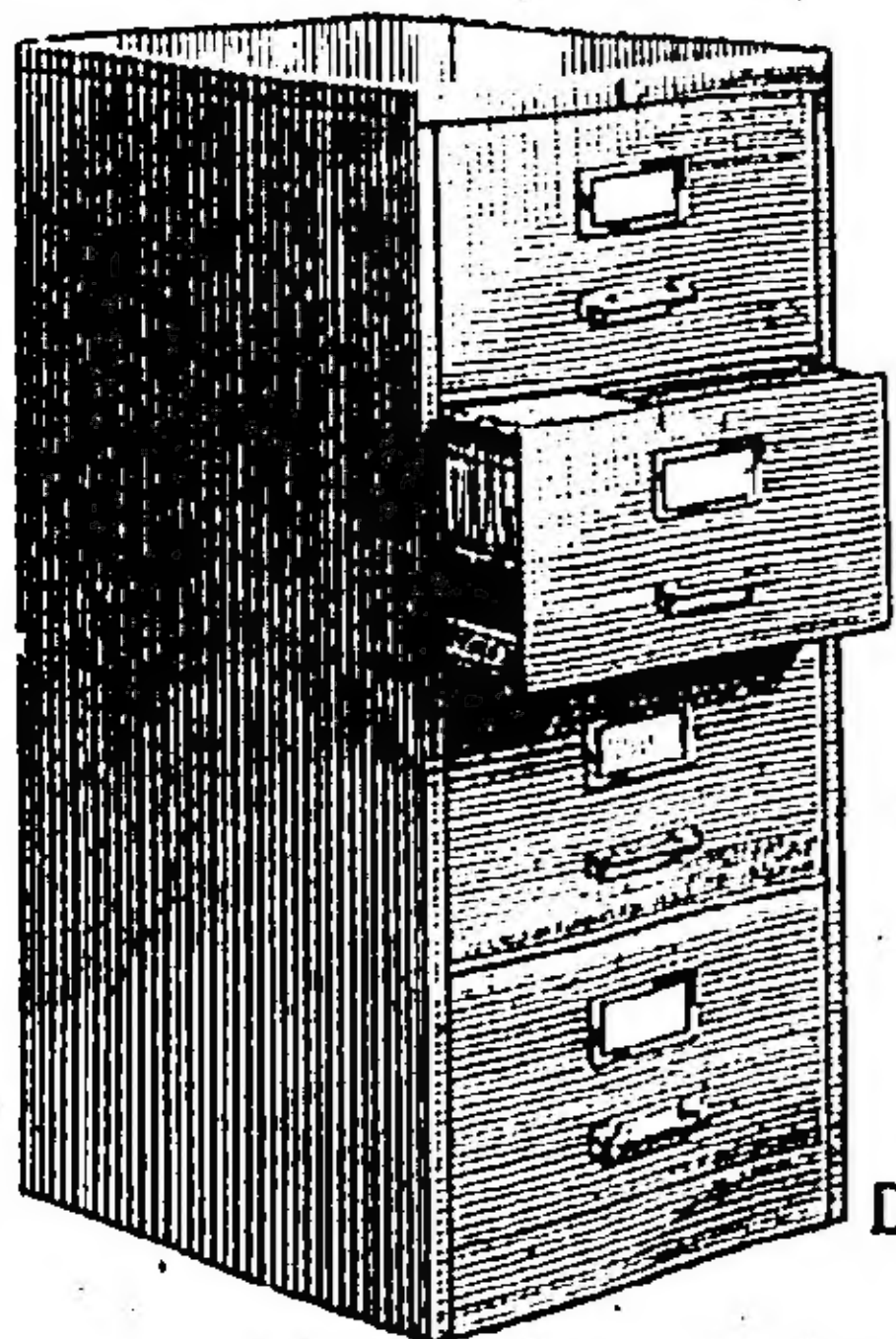
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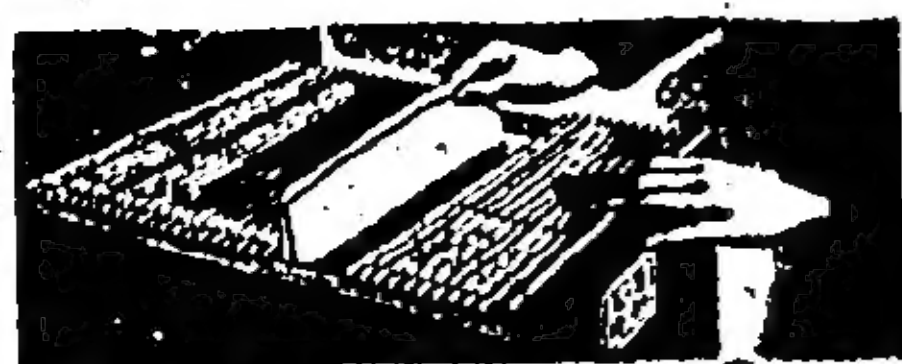
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Lesson 31 (J)

Vocabulary:

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| 188. (wai) wai ¹ , wai ² , wai ³ | Hello! Hey! etc. |
| 189. (t'au) tau ² | To rest. |
| 190. (koo) goo ² | To think. To guess. |
| 191. (laai) laai ² | To pull. To arrest. |
| 192. (fong) fong ³ | To release. |

Useful phrase:

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| (21) Dzoh ² tau ² . | Good night. |
| Combinations: | |
| 29. Chaay ¹ yun. | A policeman. |
| 30. Chaay ¹ gwoon ² . | Police Station. |
| 31. Bong ¹ baan ² . | A police inspector. |

A Story: (Continued)

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| 77. Gaw ² jun ² shue ²
yau gau ² chaay ¹ yun
haang-gwaw ¹ . | At that time, there was a policeman passing by. |
| 78. Gaw ² chaay ¹ yun tai ² -
geen ³ kui
dzau mun ² kui wah:
"Wey! Nay hai ² -shue ¹
dzoh-mee ¹ yeh ah ² ?" | The policeman saw him and then asked him, saying: "I say! What are you doing here?" |
| 79. Kui daap ² wah:
"Ngaw hoh ² gwai ah ² !" | He answered, saying: "I'm very tired." |
| 80. "Ngaw hai ² nee ¹ -shue ¹
tau ² -hah ¹ ." | "I'm having a rest here." |
| 81. Gaw ² chaay ¹ yun goo ²
kui hai ² m-hoh ² yun,
dzau laay ¹ kui faan ¹ -
hui ² chaay ¹ -gwoon ² . | The policeman thought he was a bad man, so arrested him and took him back to the police-station. |
| 82. Yau gau ² bong ¹ -baan ²
mun ² kui
hai ² -been ¹ -shue ¹ dzoh
gung ¹ -fooi ¹ . | An Inspector asked him where he worked. |
| 83. Kui wah ² kui moh ²
gung ¹ -fooi ¹ dzoh. | He said he had no work to do. |
| 84. Kui wah-gaw ² -bong ¹ -
baan ² -jee ¹
Kui seung ² faan ¹ ook ¹ -
kay ² , daan ² hai ² moh ²
tsen ² faan ¹ -hui ² . | He told the Inspector that he wanted to return home, but he had no money with which to return. |
| 85. Gaw ² bong ¹ -baan ² teng ¹ -
mun ² kui gom ² -wah,
dzau jee ¹ -doh ² kui m
hai ² m-hoh ² yun. | The Inspector heard him speak in that way, then knew he wasn't a bad man. |
| 86. Kui geeo ² gau ² chaay ¹
yun fong ³ kui,
yau bay ² dee ¹ tsen ² kui
faan ¹ ook ¹ -kay ² . | He told the policeman to release him and also gave him some money to return home. |
| 87. Kui dzik ¹ -huk ¹ faan ¹
ook ¹ -kay ² . | He, without delay, returned home. |

(To be continued)

ILP Returns To The Fray

Blackpool, April 17. The Independent Labour Party, a dwindling left wing group which was the forerunner of the Labour Party, decided at its annual conference here today to resume electoral activities. This reversed a decision taken at the party's 1948 conference.

The repeal of conscription and a policy of strict neutrality for Britain were called for in other resolutions.

Another criticism of the Soviet Government but expressed determination to counter the "war hysteria" in the world.—Reuter.

Indian C-In-C's In Britain

London, April 17. With the arrival here today of Major-General Kalyant Singh, Chief of the Indian General Staff, the Commander-in-Chief of all three of India's fighting forces are now in London—and at a time when the vital Conference of Commonwealth Prime Ministers is due to begin.

Vice-Admiral William E. Parry, Chief of Staff and Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Indian Navy, has been here for some time. Vice-Admiral Parry has already begun talks with the Ministry of Defence, the Admiralty and other Government departments. It is believed, in connection with the acquisition of more ships, naval aircraft, armaments and the development of plans for naval dockyards in India.

General Singh and Air Vice-Marshal Sir Thomas Elmhirst are believed to be in London to discuss similar development plans for India's Army and Air Force.—Reuter.

CATHOLICS FLOCK TO ST. PETER'S

Vatican City, April 17.

One hundred thousand Roman Catholics from nearly all countries of the world attended Masses this Easter Sunday in St. Peter's Cathedral. Most of the 20,000 pilgrims in Rome, from Sweden, France, Switzerland, the United States, Britain and Australia, attended the solemn Pontifical Mass celebrated by Federico Cardinal Tebichini, archpriest of St. Peter's Basilica.

Joyous Easter liturgical songs were sung by the Gloria Choir. Brilliant sunshine flooded St. Peter's Square, with its two great fountains casting a great spray of water up high. Thousands of cars from all countries of Western Europe were parked along both sides of the Colonnade of Bernini and gaily-dressed men, women, girls and children lingered in the warm sun and posed for pictures. At the three great basilicas of Rome, St. Mary Major, St. John the Lateran and St. Paul, Pontifical Masses were celebrated and great, colourful crowds filled the churches, which were flooded with sunlight and resounding with Easter music.

In St. Peter's Cathedral, people of all nationalities stood in long lines waiting to go to confession in their own languages and then for Communion in one of the chapels.

Passion Relics
After Pontifical Mass, the greatest relic of the Passion, shown only during Holy Week, were exhibited to the faithful for a few minutes from the Loggia Veronica. These include a piece of the original cross on which Christ was crucified, a piece of the spear of the Roman centurion Longinus who pierced Christ's side, and the veil of Veronica. Pope Pius XII said Mass in his own private chapel, received Easter greetings from intimates and then gave several group audiences to Swedish tourists and Swiss Catholic Boy Scouts. For the first time in many years, the Pope omitted his traditional Easter appearance at the Loggia overlooking St. Peter's Square to give his apostolic benediction to Rome and the world. He wished to reserve a special solemnity for the coming Holy Year, 1950.—United Press.

EUROPEANS' GAYEST EASTER IN 10 YEARS

London, April 17.

Brilliant sunshine and resplendent clothing gave Europe its gayest Easter in 10 years. From Wenceslaus Square in Prague to the Champs Elysees in Paris and Rotten Row in London, Europeans paraded in perfect spring weather, displaying new finery or made-over old clothes.

King George, convalescing from his recent operation, attended Church services in the Royal Chapel in the grounds of Windsor Castle.

The King and Queen motored from Windsor Lodge to the chapel, but Princess Elizabeth, the Duke of Edinburgh and Princess Margaret walked to the chapel along paths fringed with daffodils.

A band concert in the Castle grounds in the afternoon attracted over 10,000 persons.

More than 100,000 persons saw the Easter parade along Rotten Row in London's Hyde Park.

With Britain's clothing rationing now ended, women were not content to wear the traditional Easter top hat of gray. Instead, they showed up at Rotten Row with hats of burgundy or hunting pink.

Victorian Touch

They cheered lustily and waved their multi-hued head-gear at the main attraction of the Easter parade—a horse-drawn stagecoach filled with pretty girls, dressed in Victorian clothes and drinking champagne.

Over 1,500,000 persons left Paris for the countryside, while thousands of Britons and lesser numbers of Americans strolled along the boulevards or sat in pavement cafes, sipping cool drinks or eating ice-cream. The temperature was 80 degrees Fahrenheit in Paris and 73 in London, which had its warmest Easter in 50 years.

Mercury at 79

The thermometer ran to 79 in Frankfurt, the highest recorded there this year.

The Germans wore their brightest clothes since pre-Hitler days. Many drove to the Main air-base to sit in the sun and watch American aircraft take off to hurdle the Soviet blockade of Berlin.

The Lowlands also basked in warm sunshine.

Only in Scandinavia was the weather coolish, but the skies were clear there.—United Press.

Take Your Troubles To The Bath

Minneapolis, April 18. Do not take your troubles to bed with you—take them into the bathtub.

Because bathtubs are much more than receptacles just to get clean in, says Dr. Maurice N. Walsh.

People with troubled minds and anxieties can get rid of their tension and often their insomnia by getting into a tub of water," Dr. Walsh said. He is assistant Professor of Neurology and Psychiatry with the Mayo Foundation at Rochester, Minnesota.

"The water will not cure worries and chronic fatigues. Relaxing in a tub of tepid water will, however, make people better able to bear their problems," Dr. Walsh added.—Associated Press.

NOT ONE DIED IN BATTLE

Munich, April 17. Not one of Hitler's 25 wartime Field Marshals died in battle though the overwhelming majority of Nazism's galaxy of Army leaders met unnatural deaths, a survey here showed today.

The only one of Hitler's top strategists now living at liberty is Field Marshal Hugo Sperrle, who organized the bombing of London. Many chose suicide to evade trial or a humble civilian life, the "Sueddeutsche Zeitung" said.

Ironically, the first Field Marshal in German history to receive a death sentence heard it pronounced by a German court, the newspaper added. Field Marshal Erwin Von Witzleben, one of the organizers of the bomb plot against Hitler, was sentenced in August, 1944, and executed by slow strangulation the same day.

The only German Field Marshal who may still have a military future is the by now almost mythical Friedrich Paulus, the newspaper said.

Taken prisoner by the Russians early in 1943 after the capture of Stalingrad, Paulus has been repeatedly named by rumours as the commander of a Communist-infiltrated German Army in the Soviet Union. The Russian authorities, however, have denied all such reports, the newspaper said.—Reuter.

Washington, April 18. The U.S. Department of Commerce reports that Indonesia exported 440,361 metric tons in December. Value was placed at US\$33,743,073.—Associated Press.

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CALL FOR CHURCHES TO SPEAK

York, April 17. Dr. Cyril Garbett, Archbishop of York, called today for international control of the holy places in Palestine.

"A settlement acceptable to Christians is still possible if the millions of Catholics on both sides of the Atlantic, of the Orthodox in Russia and the East, and of our own Communion unite in demanding the international control of Jerusalem and its neighbourhood," he said.

"Now is the time, before the United Nations make their decision, for the Christian Churches to speak plainly. Before long it may be too late."

Tens of thousands like himself would feel bitter grief if they knew that never again, except on sufferance, would they be able to pray in Bethlehem or Getsemani, or at the empty Tomb or to gaze upon the Holy City from the Mount of Olives.

Tens of millions, however, would feel both grief and anger if the places so sacred to the whole of Christendom passed under the control of a militant and secular Judaism. - Reuter.

TYRE FACTORY FOR INDIA

Washington, April 18. A US\$6,000,000 factory to make rubber motorcar tyres and tubes will be built in Travancore, India.

Modern equipment will be imported. American and British technical experts are assisting. - Associated Press.

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Washington, April 17. The United States Department of Commerce, in an analysis of the United Kingdom's international trade, said today that there are many indications that the United Kingdom has made substantial progress toward recovery.

It shows the January exports 62 per cent above January, 1938, industrial production 26 per cent above the pre-war level and agricultural production for 1948, above levels of peak war years.

The analysis reveals fundamental trade difficulty, however, in the fact that while the United Kingdom again has a substantial surplus of exports in its trade with the remainder of the Sterling area, the latter group of countries has yet been unable to return to the former dollar earning position with North America.

It said that among all export markets, the United Kingdom is particularly anxious to increase exports to the United States and Canada.

"For it is with these two hard currency countries that

Arab Leader Sees Syrian Dictator

Damascus, April 17.

Abdul Rahman Azzam, Secretary-General of the Arab League, arriving here from Cairo today, had a long interview with Colonel Husni Zaim, new Syrian Prime Minister, who came to power after a bloodless coup recently.

In a speech to mark the Syrian national "Evacuation Day," commemorating the country's complete independence when all foreign troops were evacuated in 1918, Colonel Zaim attacked the old regime, particularly the deposed President, Shukri Bey el Khatib, whom he accused of "losing" Palestine.

"Evacuation before today was not a true evacuation. It was merely changing one aggressor for another aggressor," Colonel Zaim said. He declared that he had "liberated" the country without personal ambitions and intended to restore it to its own people.

Azzam Zaim left Cairo earlier today for Damascus. His departure is considered by circles in Cairo to be of great importance and connected with reports that Nuri Es Suid, Iraqi Premier, is on a surprise visit to Damascus. - Reuter.

Rice Rioting In Chungking

Shanghai, April 18. The Chinese-language "Shun Pao," in a Chungking dispatch, said that 15 rice riots broke out on April 18 in Chungking, which was the wartime capital of Nationalist China.

Several hundred piculs of rice are reported to have been looted. - Associated Press.

Canton Gets DDT Bath

Shanghai, April 18. General Claire Chennault's Civil Air Transport Company is giving Canton a DDT bath.

CAT planes last week began the job of spraying the city with 5,000 gallons of DDT dissolved in oil.

The spraying is a health project sponsored by Canton City officials, CAT and the Economic Co-operation Administration. ECA is furnishing the DDT, CAT the planes and the city, the petrol required for the planes.

The Canton Health Commissioner, Dr. Q. T. Chu, had warned that the city would be exposed to danger of widespread attack of typhoid, cholera, dysentery and malaria unless measures are adopted to control flies and mosquitoes.

More than 220 gallons of DDT were sprayed from planes during 30 minute flights. - Associated Press.

SOVIET CONSUL GOES HOME

Tehran, April 17. M. Arkadi Kraznik, Soviet Consul-General at Tabriz, capital of Azerbaijan, the oil province of North Persia, has closed down his consulate and left for Russia with his staff.

Personnel at the Soviet consular offices at Maku, Ardebil and Rezaieh, all in Azerbaijan, have gone with him. It was reliably reported in March that the Soviet Embassy in Tehran had notified the Persian Government that it intended to close down the consulates in Isfahan, Tabriz and Mesh. - Reuter.

Labour To Make Election Bid

London, April 17.

The Socialists will make a bid to recoup their heavy losses in last week's London and other country Council elections in nation-wide local contests between now and May 14.

Twenty thousand councillors will be elected in these contests, which involve 392 county and non-county boroughs, 572 urban councils, 472 rural district councils, Scottish county and borough councils, and the vital chain of 28 London metropolitan boroughs.

Though the Socialists have lost their great majority in the London County Council, they still predominate in 22 of the 28 London individual borough councils. Urgent efforts will be made by the London local organisations to avert a repetition of the London County Council landslide.

Members of Parliament returning from their constituencies throughout Britain yesterday be-

SOUTH ASIA MAY TURN INTO A SECOND BALKANS

New York, April 17.

Communism and a sort of "Balkanisation" of Southern Asia were given as threats to the "hybrid liberal civilisation" of that area.

Guy Wint, wartime member of the Indian Government's External Affairs Department, is the source.

Writing in "Pacific Affairs," a quarterly publication of the Institute of Pacific Relations, Mr. Wint reports that since the war there have been no natural ties binding together nations such as India, Pakistan, Burma, Indonesia and Indochina.

"Pan-Asia," he said, "is an even weaker case than Pan-Europe, whatever may be said at Asian Conferences."

"Because of these new circumstances, Southern Asia in the next decades is likely to be an area as unstable as Europe, and as much given over to national rivalries and general fear."

"Such an environment threatens the death of a liberal civilisation. It is half-killed in Europe. It may do even worse in Asia."

Serious Danger

Mr. Wint says that peasant distress due to the extravagant increase of population throughout Southern Asia creates a serious Communist danger. He concludes:

"The best hope for liberal civilisation in the East, with all its virtues and all of its vulnerability, is that its upholders should continue, in the new political circumstances, in an intimate cultural union with the liberal societies of the rest of the world."

"Over against the Cominform there may stand a liberal internationalism, even though its bonds, being ideas and sympathies, may be far more intangible than those of the Communists." - United Press.

CUT IN AID FUNDS LIKELY

New York, April 17.

A 10 per cent cut in foreign aid is likely to be made by the United States Congress, according to Mr. James Reston, diplomatic correspondent of the "New York Times."

Congress is already faced with a deficit of nearly \$1,000 million in the coming financial year, and its appropriations for foreign expenditures are rising, while domestic earnings are decreasing, he wrote.

"The simplest and most likely course is that Congress, in spite of the President's requests, will cut the European Recovery Programme and other overseas expenditures by about 10 per cent in the Appropriations Committee."

Mr. Reston said that the programme for Western Europe with a stipulation that most of the tax money should come out of the appropriations for the Army, the Navy and the Air Force, he said.

"By the simple expedient of authorizing the Western European arms programme and simultaneously approving the President's request for authority to transfer arms to countries whose safety is essential to the defence of the United States (the Lend-Lease formula), the problem can be minimized," Mr. Reston said.

"This will not suit the President and it will disappoint the leaders of the Armed Services. Nevertheless, the President will probably accept this rather than see his request for an additional appropriation for Western European arms rejected on Capitol Hill." - Reuter.



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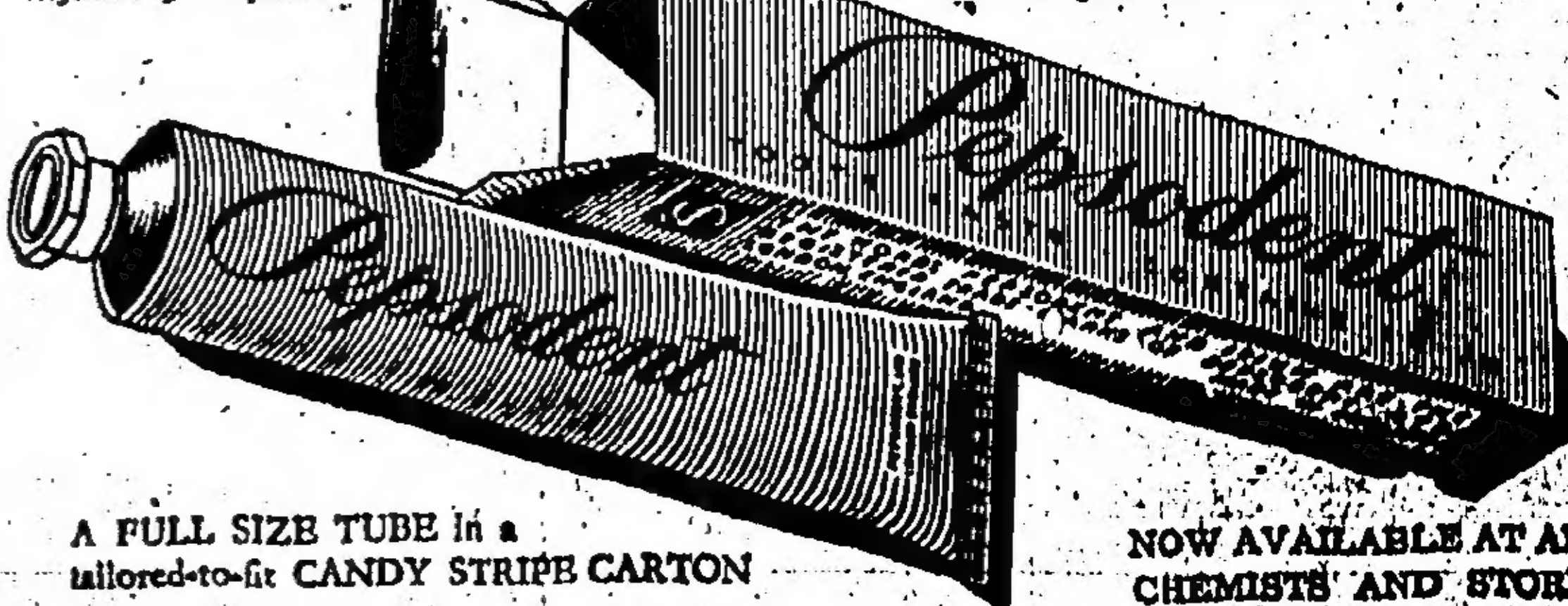
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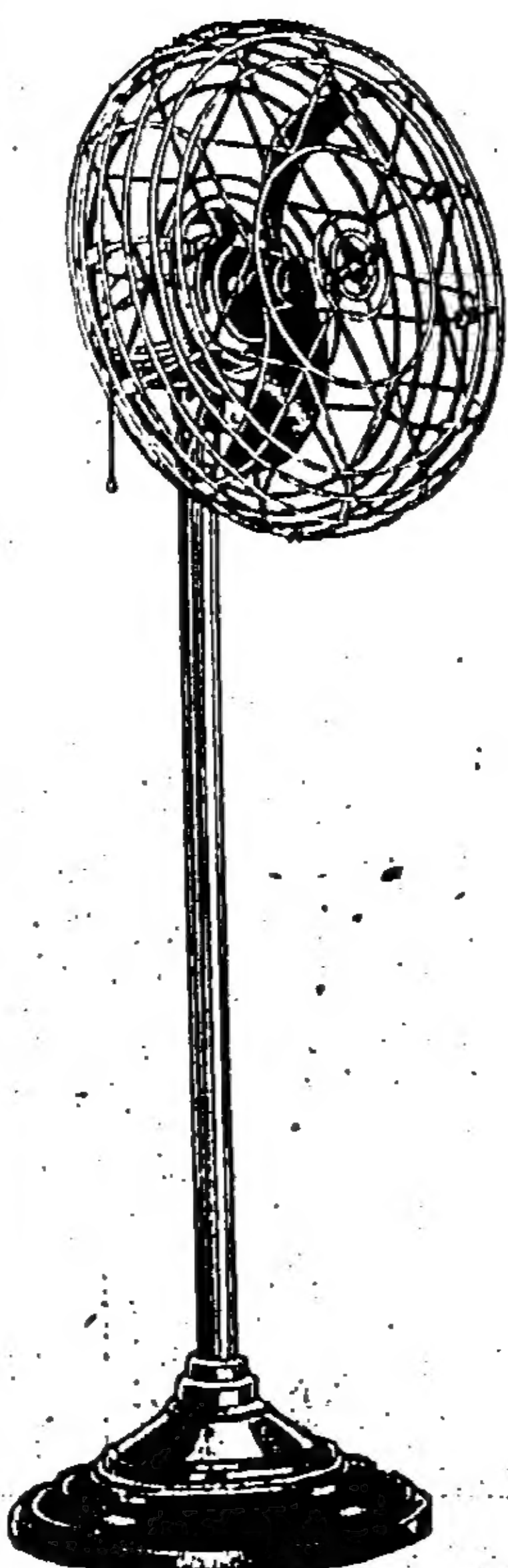
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Agrarian Reforms In Italy

Rome, April 18. Italy plans to distribute nearly 3,000,000 acres of farm lands to her peasants. Land to be parcelled out will be obtained from Government property and large privately-owned estates. The Premier, Alcide de Gasperi, told about it yesterday in an interview published in "Il Messaggero". De Gasperi said that about 8,000 land owners will be compelled to sell between 20 and 50 per cent of their estates to the Government. The Government in turn will sell land to the peasants. In cases of highly industrialised agricultural enterprises, de Gasperi said, peasants will become shareholders of the enterprises and participate in the profits. De Gasperi said that lands of the Roman Catholic church will not be affected. Private property to be taken will come from estates of more than 247 acres under intensive cultivation or more than 617 acres under extensive cultivation. De Gasperi said the Government will spend £48,000,000 for the development. He said the agrarian reform aims at a more equal distribution of property and toward a better production.—Associated Press.

STEPHEN WISE

New York, April 17. Dr. Stephen Wise, President of the American Jewish Congress, who entered Lenox Hill Hospital here on March 30 for an abdominal operation, was reported to be somewhat improved today, but still in a critical condition. Dr. Wise, the pioneer of American Zionism, is 75.—Reuter.

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Washington, April 17. A survey of atomic bomb "disclosures" has disclosed that the explosive core of that confusing weapon is the size of a pea or a golf ball, or a grapefruit pip. If you think that sounds silly, an Atomic Commission member, Sumner Pike, agrees with you.

In Boston the other night, and again here today, Mr. Pike said he could not see any point to speculation on this and other atomic matters, which are state secrets. If a person really knew the size and weight of the bomb's explosive insides, "such things as the rate of bomb production and the size of the atomic stockpile, if a person really did know and told, he would have been rushed off to goal very quickly, Mr. Pike said.

The law against telling atomic secrets, he added, is a "mighty tough law." For one thing, it provides the death penalty for anyone who divulges atomic secrets with a view to helping the enemy.

Trade Fair To Open In Poland

Poznan, April 18. Germans in the Soviet zone of occupation will send exhibits to the International Fair opening here on April 24. The Fair management announced that Soviet Russia will present the biggest display of her industries and products—its stands to cover 7,000 metres of space. Other countries sending exhibits are expected to include Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Hungary, Albania, Rumania, Great Britain, Switzerland, Italy, France, Austria and the Netherlands.—Associated Press.

The kind of speculation Mr. Pike deplores most is that which claims to be factual. Its authors always disclaim any official knowledge "and the legal jeopardy that would go with it, but they usually assert that any scientist can figure out all anybody might want to know about the bomb merely by studying the official Smyth report. However, the Smyth report, published by the Army in 1945 after the bombing of Japan, does not purport to tell even scientists how to make atomic weapons.

British Claim
Moreover, it gives the truth—corroborated range 2.2 to 220 pounds for bombs with nuclear ingredients. Subsequently, some British slide rule experts claimed they had narrowed the range to around 20 to 60 pounds. Earlier, an American had flatly stated that the bomb's explosive is no larger than a pea. An Air Force officer lecturing on the West Coast recently "disclosed" that the bomb core really was the size of a golf ball. His "disclosure" was followed within a few weeks by another equally authoritative source giving the weight as 20 to 30 pounds. In a later estimate from another source, as unofficial as the others, the weight became fixed at 30 pounds.

Just Guesses
A local scientist "calculated": The bomb core weighs 20 to 40 pounds and is about the volume of a grapefruit—"not a big yellow grapefruit, a pink grapefruit." If these people really knew what they were talking about, they would go to prison for talking about it. That being the case, Mr. Pike's verdict is: "They were putting out a lot of guesses—guesses a 100,000,000 other people have as much right to make as they have."—United Press.

A School Was Flown By Air

London, April 18. Four British aircraft—the well-known Bristol Freighters—accomplished a feat unique in air freight history, when they flew a complete two-classroom school, from Weston-super-Mare to Paris, a distance of some 300 miles. Within a week of the first aircraft's departure from Weston-super-Mare the school had been erected in Avenue Victor Hugo and placed on exhibition.

The school, which is of the same type as Britain's first aluminium prefabricated school at Lockleaze, Bristol, was placed on exhibition in Paris by the Société Nationale de Constructions Aéronautiques du Sud-Est. This organisation plans to rouse the interest of the education authorities throughout France in "Bristol" prefabricated schools. It is expected that in France as in England—where nearly 70 of these schools are now completed or in the course of completion—there will be a wide demand for schools of this type.

Exhibition Of Stamps In London

London, April 18. Invitation are in the mails to overseas stamp collectors to be guests of London collectors for the International stamp exhibition here in May, 1950.

The aim is to give collectors of moderate means a chance to pursue their hobby at low cost and strengthen international ties. If the response is good, sponsors of the exhibition said British collectors will be asked to play hosts to foreigners whose stamp collecting activities are the same as theirs. Special facilities are to be provided on board British planes and British liners from all parts of the world, the sponsors said.—Associated Press.

Easter Rites In The Holy City

Jerusalem, April 17. A bright sun shone over Jerusalem's walls today for the first time in weeks as a party of a few dozen Catholic worshippers crossed over into the Transjordan-held Old City to attend Easter High Mass in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

French, Belgian and American United Nations observer officers and members of the diplomatic corps were among the party, but no Christian Arabs were permitted to attend.

The meetings of the mixed Israeli-Transjordan Armistice Commission, which were interrupted for a week by the Jewish Passover and the Christian Easter, will be resumed tomorrow in Jerusalem.

Brigadier-General William Riley, United Nations Chief of Staff, will preside. The Committee, which is working out armistice details for various parts of Jerusalem, will also meet tomorrow.

One solitary pilgrim, a Boston woman, made the journey to Nazareth for Easter celebrations, in contrast to the thousands who flocked to Nazareth before the Palestine war. Mrs. Mary C. Donaldson, from Boston, Massachusetts, was the only foreign visitor to the traditional site of Joseph's carpenter shop in Nazareth.

Among the crowds of local residents who flocked to the 23 churches where High Mass was offered were a number of Moslems newly converted to Christianity during the Palestine war. Nazareth's population before the recent upheaval was about 12,000 divided about equally between Moslems, Catholics, and Orthodox Christians.

Today there are some 20,000, including refugees, and all except about 2,000 Moslems are Christians. A number of people attending the services were Hammer and Sickle badges, particularly those at the Greek Orthodox Church, which celebrates Palm Sunday today. A Franciscan Brother, Robert Minogue, from Washington, D.C., said that the badge wearers are refugees who had come under Communist influence but are still regular church-goers.—Reuter.

No More Depressions For Aussies

Melbourne, April 17. Australia need never suffer another depression, Mr. Edward T. Holloway, Federal Minister of Labour and National Service, said here today.

Mr. Holloway, who is deputising for the Prime Minister, Mr. Joseph B. Chifley, now on his way to London for the Commonwealth Conference, was addressing the annual conference of the Victorian Labour Party.

Mr. Holloway said the Government had completed plans to maintain full employment in agriculture and to meet economic repercussions from overseas. Although the Government had refused to promise taxation relief at the 1948 election, it had, in fact, reduced taxation by 60 per cent since then. Another 20 per cent cut would operate from July, he said.—Reuter.

RUSSIA ACCUSED OF LYING

Belgrade, April 17. "Borba," organ of the Yugoslav Communist Party, today accused Russia of lying about how much grain had been sent to Yugoslavia in 1944.

"Borba" quoted Moscow Radio as claiming that 500,000 tons of grain were sent to Yugoslavia that year. Yugoslavia received only 50,000 tons and part of the "gift" was taken from German warehouses where looted Yugoslav grain was stored, "Borba" said.—United Press.

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All the pomp and pageantry the country could muster went into the proclamation that Ireland no longer is a vaguely defined piece of the British Empire. But six of the Northern counties remain a part of the United Kingdom.

IRISH IN BRITAIN PUZZLED

London, April 18.

A million Irishmen living in England, including the aged playwright George Bernard Shaw, may find themselves foreigners with their native Ireland a Republic.

Native Irish working in Britain always have been British subjects since Ireland had been part of the British Commonwealth of Nations. But as the Republic of Ireland Act goes into effect, Ireland severs its last ties with the British Crown and becomes an independent state.

Native workers of the green are wondering just what their status will be and there will be some very confused ones of Eire until the problem is settled.

"I don't know whether I'll be an alien," George Bernard Shaw told a reporter who called on him. "I've spent 70 years of my life in England but I'm a citizen of Ireland. I think the Irish in Britain will have some kind of dual citizenship, but I'm not sure," United Press.

Jap Exports To Double This Year

Tokyo, April 18.

The Japanese Board of Trade estimated today that the nation's exports will reach US\$500,000,000 during the current fiscal year ending March 31 next year or double of last year's total.

Mr. Shigeru Arai, Vice-Director General of the Board of Trade, said the anticipated exports will consist of cotton goods, silk and rayon goods and machinery. The said imports will total US\$500,000,000 including such items as iron ore, bituminous coal, antimony, bauxite and raw fibers.

Mr. Arai said US\$500,000,000 of the imports will be financed by dollar funds made available by exports and the rest in the form of United States aid will be received because this is subject to Congressional action.—United Press.

CZECH TRADE TALKS WITH U.S.

New York, April 17.

A seven-man Czechoslovakia trade delegation headed by the Deputy Minister for Foreign Trade, Eugen Loeb, arrived in New York by plane from London today enroute to Washington to continue commercial talks with the United States State Department.

The group is remaining in New York overnight and leaving by train for Washington tomorrow.

It was understood that, in addition to resuming the trade talks, which have been in progress for three months, members of the delegation may also confer on United States claims totalling approximately \$40,000,000 for property nationalized in Czechoslovakia since 1945.—United Press.

Paris, April 17.

The Quai d'Orsay today authorized the French Embassy to issue 12 visas for the Soviet delegation designated for the Paris Peace Conference. The Russians originally requested 52 visas and then reduced it to 48.—United Press.

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Other messages were received from Dr. Daniel Malan, Prime Minister of South Africa; Mr. Peter Fraser, Prime Minister of New Zealand; Mr. Louis St. Laurent, Prime Minister of Canada; Pandit Nehru, Prime Minister of India; Professor Luigi Einaudi, President of Italy; and Sao Shwa Thak, President of Burma.

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New Chief Of U.S. Advisory Group In PI

Manila, April 18.

Major-General Jonathan Anderson has been appointed chief of the joint United States military advisory group in the Philippines. Government sources revealed today at Baguio, the summer capital.

General Anderson became commanding general of the Philippine Command last year. He was presented formally to President Quirino and had lunch with him in Baguio yesterday.—United Press.

Couldn't Explain Murders

Copenhagen, April 17.

Peter Christian Hansen, a farmer, aged 36, from a village near here, told the police today that he strangled his wife and their six children one by one in their farmhouse on Holy Thursday. He added that it took him two hours.

Hansen said he could not explain his act.

"We were afraid of each other and then it happened," He admitted that he and his wife had quarrelled on Thursday about whether they should move to a larger farm. He said he had wanted to leave his present one ever since his brother committed suicide there 10 years ago.

The police said the quarrel did not seem serious enough to make Hansen want to wipe out his whole family. Villagers, neighbours of the Hansens, also could not understand it.—United Press.

STEEL DEMAND DECLINING

Cleveland, Ohio, April 18.

The magazine "Steel" says market opinion is mixed on the speed with which demand for steel is declining.

Some steelmakers think the downward trend is leveling off. Some say it is unchanged. Another group reports it declining more rapidly. The grade publication said:

"Standard mill quotations have not yet been affected despite substantial contraction in buying. For the most part consumers are of the opinion that standard steel products prices will be next to give way, though they do not look for a severe test of strength until mid-year."

Prices on scrap continue to shrink. "There is no sign as yet that the bottom has been reached," "Steel" said.

The national ingot making rate was placed at 99 per cent of rated capacity.—Associated Press.

POET LAUREATE SERIOUSLY ILL

London, April 17.

Mr. John Masefield, the Poet Laureate, is seriously ill at his home at Abingdon, Berkshire. He is 70.

He had influenza recently and complications followed.—Reuter.



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S.S. "CANTON"	11th July
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S.S. "ADAR"	sails 8th May	for Japan via Amoy.
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"HONGKONG-MANILA-CHINA SERVICE"	In port	to Manila & Amoy 19th April

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

RICE PRICES AT NEW HIGH

Shanghai, April 18.
Retail rice prices in Shanghai
seized to 1,200,000 Gold Yuan
or approximately US\$9 per
picul (165 pounds) over the
week-end.

The price on Saturday was only
950,000 Gold Yuan.
Rice merchants blamed the
sudden price rise on the increase
in value of Chinese silver dol-
lars. Although the intrinsic value
of silver dollars is only 50 U.S.
cents, they are fetching US\$1.20.
The silver coins are bringing a
great demand. Everyone is en-
deavouring to exchange his
rapidly depreciating Gold Yuan
currency for the more stable
medium.

Shanghai's economic crisis will
come up for discussion this morn-
ing at a meeting of city, mili-
tary and Nationalist Government
officials.

One of the questions to be
discussed will be whether com-
mercial banks should be per-
mitted to issue banknotes to
alleviate the cash shortage.

The meeting will be attended
by Dr. S. Y. Liu, Finance Minis-
ter and Governor of the Central
Bank of China, General Tang En-
pao, Commander of the Nanjing-
Shanghai-Hangchow garrison and
the acting Mayor, Chen Liang.
Associated Press.

Copper Company Development

New York, April 18.
Anacosta Copper reported
that 1948 net earnings exceeded
US\$53,000,000, equal to US\$0.16
a share. This is a 22 per cent
increase over the preceding
year.

The report outlines plans for a
US\$70,000,000 development of the
Chukotkan mine in Chile,
described as the greatest known
copper deposit in the world. The
report said operations should
begin in 1952 and the mine's
facilities will maintain the rated
capacity of 540,000,000 pounds a
year.

That is slightly more than half
the company's total copper out-
put last year.—Associated Press.

Notice To Consignees

Consignees Per
BARBER-WILHELMSEN
LINE
M/V "TUDOR"

are hereby notified that their
cargo is being discharged into
the Hong Kong & Kowloon
Wharf & Godown Co.'s godown where
it will lie at consignee's risk and
subject to the Wharf's terms and
conditions of storage, and where
delivery may be obtained as
soon as the goods are landed.

Damaged packages are to be
left in the Godowns for examina-
tion by Consignees and the
Company's Surveyors, Messrs.
Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m.
on Saturday, April 23, 1949.

To comply with the General
Bonded Warehouse Regulations
consignees must have a Revenue
Officer in attendance when
damaged dutiable goods are
examined.

No claims will be admitted
after the goods have left the
steamer's godowns, and all
goods remaining undelivered
after April 21, 1949, will be
subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer
must be presented to the under-
signed on or before April 28,
1949 or they will not be re-
cognised.

No Fire Insurance will be
effected.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.
Agents.

Hong Kong, April 14, 1949.

U.S. BUSINESS UPTURN GAINS IN STRENGTH

New York, April 17.

The new upturn in American business activity
gained strength this week.
Aided by good spring weather in all but a few areas,
shoppers snapped out of a long period of in-
different buying and crowded stores for Easter
goods.

Industrial production com-
pared favourably with the best
weeks of the year under leader-
ship of steel and automobiles
output. Unemployment dwindle-
d for the third straight week
as seasonal lines of business
opened up and earning opera-
tions got rolling. There were
a few labour flare-ups but none
of serious scope.

Price shifts were generally in
favour of the consumer, thus re-
leasing additional purchasing
power at a time when heavy de-
mand for goods at the retail
level is counted upon to start a
pull business back on the re-
covery road for the Spring and
Summer.

Also interesting were earnings
reports covering the first three
months of 1949.
Monsanto Chemical Cor-
poration reported net income of
US\$4,461,608, equal to US\$0.97
a share. This compared with
US\$3,805,688 or 85 cents in the
first three months of 1948.
Sundine Electric Company had
net of US\$1,720,888, equal to
US\$1.69 a share compared with
US\$1.58 a share last year.

High Spots

High spots on the week's in-
dustrial chart:
Steel production at 99.2 per
cent of capacity compared with
98.8 per cent last week and 71.3
a year ago when operations were
curtailed by a lack of soft coal
because of a labour dispute.

Motorcar output established a
pre-World War peak for the
second week in a row at 133,335
units in the U.S. and Canada.
Last week's total of 131,970 was
the highest since the Autumn of
1941.

Reports from all sections of the
country again were heavily
weighted with optimism over cur-
rent sales of motorcars. There
were more price reductions in-
cluding one by Hudson, whose
deliveries in March were larger
than in any March since 1929.

Notice To Consignees

CIE DES MESSEAGERIES
MARITIMES

Consignees per Company's
s.s. "CHAMPOLLION"

are hereby notified that their
cargo is being discharged into
the Hong Kong & Kowloon
Wharf & Godown Co.'s god-
down, where it will be at
Consignees' risk and subject
to the Wharf's terms and con-
ditions of storage, and where
delivery may be obtained as
soon as the goods are landed.

Damaged packages are to be
left in the Godowns for examina-
tion by Consignees and the
Company's surveyors, Messrs.
Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m.
on Saturday, April 23, 1949.

To comply with the General
Bonded Warehouse Regulations
Consignees must have a Re-
venue Officer in attendance
when damaged dutiable goods
are examined.

No claim will be admitted
after the goods have left the
steamer's godowns, and all
goods remaining undelivered
after April 25, 1949, will be
subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer
must be presented to the under-
signed on or before
May 13, 1949, or they will
not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be
effected.

CIE DES MESSEAGERIES
MARITIMES

Hong Kong, April 18, 1949.

Stocks Idle

There are all kinds of ex-
planations for this habit of
business men in paying off
maturing loans and steering
clear of new ones.

But the one that makes the
most news concerns the slump
forward buying policies in ef-
fect on a wide front since prices be-
gan to weaken last Autumn. A
large slice of loans made by
banks is usually for inventory
accumulation.

The stock market idled away
its full day of activity dur-
ing the week without getting any
place. Before the Good Friday
observance, the value of listed
stocks had lost approximately
US\$200,000,000 and brokers were
experiencing days of only 700-
800 share turnovers.

Freight loadings were up, at
757,784 compared with 725,623
last week.—Associated Press.

INDIAN PEPPER

Washington, April 15.
India produced approximately
56,000,000 pounds of black pep-
per in the 1948-49 crop years, the
U.S. Department of Commerce
reported.

This compared with less than
38,000,000 pounds the preceding
year.—Associated Press.

Notice To Consignees

STATES MARINE LINES
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Consignees per Steamer
"MATHEW LUCKENBACH"

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cargo was discharged into
Kowloon Godowns where it
will lie at Consignees' risk and
subject to terms and conditions
of storage at Kowloon Godowns.
Cargo will be ready for de-
livery from the Godowns on
and after 18th April, 1949.

Optional cargo will not be
landed here, unless notice has
been given prior to steamer's
arrival, put carried on from
port to port to the final port of
call to which the option ex-
tends.

Damaged packages must be
left in the Godown for examina-
tion by the Consignees and the
Company's surveyors, Messrs.
Carmichael & Clarke at 10 a.m.
on 22nd April, 1949.

To comply with the General
Bonded Warehouse Regulations
Consignees must have a Re-
venue Officer in attendance
when dutiable goods are
examined.

No claims will be admitted
after the goods have left the
steamer's Godown, and all
goods remaining undelivered
after 25th April, 1949 will be
subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer
must be presented to the under-
signed on or before
16th May, 1949, or they will
not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be
effected.

GOURLIE & CO. (H.K.) LTD.
Agents.

Hong Kong, April 18, 1949.

Business Gets New Financing

New York, April 18.

American business obtained
more new financing this week
than at any time this year.

Corporations marketed US\$147-
150,000 worth of new securities.
The added funds will be used for
plant improvements and increased
working capital.

The financing schedule will
continue heavy for some time.
Major issues totalling more than
US\$500,000 are due for early
market. Largest is US\$400,000 of
debentures for National Distillers.
Underwriters expect to offer the
issue to the public the last week
of April.

This week the American Tele-
phone and Telegraph stockholders
voted on the largest single corpo-
rate financing debt ever proposed.
The proposal is a new issue of
convertible debentures to common
stockholders on the basis of US\$-
100 in debentures for each six
shares of stock held. On this
basis the proposed issue could
reach US\$391,000,000.—Associated
Press.

SILK FOR U.S.

Washington, April 18.
The U.S. imported US\$5,000-
000 worth of silk manufactured
during the first two months of the
year, the Commerce Department
reports.

American exports of rayon,
nylon and other synthetic textile
manufactures in the same period
were valued at US\$34,000,000.
No value was given for raw silk
imports. They were reported at
2,161,000 pounds.—Associated
Press.

Notice To Consignees

M/V "REINHOLD"

Having arrived Hongkong
consignees of cargo are hereby
notified that all goods have
been landed and placed at their
risk and expense into the go-
downs of the Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Co., Ltd. where delivery may
be obtained as soon as the goods
are landed.

No claims will be admitted
after the goods have left the go-
downs or failure to attend the
survey.

All broken, chafed and
damaged goods are to be left in
the godown where they will be
examined in the presence of
Messrs. Goddard and Douglas
on the 21/4/1949 at 10 a.m.

To comply with the General
Bonded Warehouse Regulations,
consignees must have a Revenue
Officer in attendance when
examining damaged dutiable
goods. All claims against the
vessel must be presented to the
undersigned within fourteen
days of the ship's arrival, or
they will not be recognised.

No fire insurance will be
effected.

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Notice To Consignees

M/V "CALCHAS"

Damaged cargo ex this vessel
will be surveyed at Holt's
Wharf between 10 a.m. and
noon on April 19 and 20, 1949,
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have their representatives
present during the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hong Kong, April 18, 1949.



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"BENRINNES"	U.K. "	21st May
"BENAVON"	U.K. "	2nd half May

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	LOADING
"BENAVON"	London, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hull.	2nd half May
"BENNYVIS"	Genoa, London, Hull & Leith.	Abt. 25th April

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Europe	ab. May 2
Europe	Mid May
Europe	End May
SAILING TO	
Japan	ab. May 4
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North Africa & Europe	End May
North Africa & Europe	End May
Japan	Mid June
North Africa & Europe	Mid June

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S.S. "GRAND" 20th April

For Freight & Particulars please apply to Freight Department.

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Due to arrive from North Atlantic Ports
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Loading for
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 AND KOBE.

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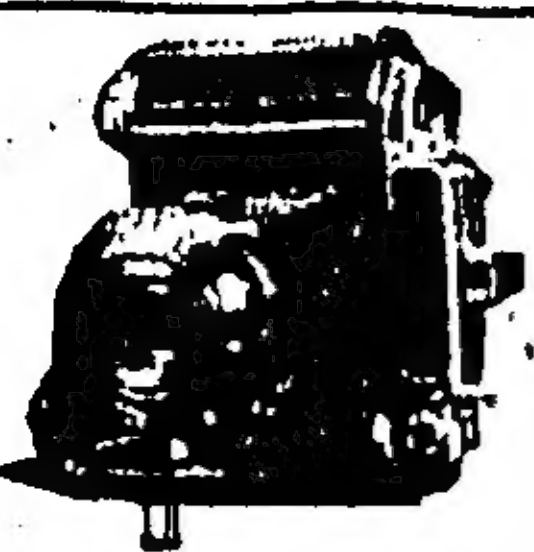
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RAIN STOPS JUST IN TIME FOR RACE MEET

The second day of the Easter race meeting yesterday had nearly to be called off owing to the heavy and almost continuous down-pour which lasted right up to 11 a.m. Fortunately the weather man came to the rescue and called out the sun; and though it did not shine for long, there was no further rain to worsen the sodden race track.

Upsets, which punters blamed on the state of the course after the rain, were the order of the day, and in most of the events the favourites sadly disappointed their backers.

Pay-outs on the pari-mutuel were, in consequence, good, though there were no startlingly large figures. The biggest win dividend was HK\$53.60, and that for a place, HK\$65.60.

The main events of the day were the Easter Handicap, confined to class 1 ponies, excluding winners at the present meeting; and the St. George's Plate, confined to Australian ponies of 1949, with winners at the present meeting again barred.

Panda, the best favourite, ridden by Mr. K. F. Chu, came in a close winner in the Easter Handicap by four lengths ahead of the runner-up, Pandita, the lead after passing the half-mile post, and was at no time seriously challenged.

St. George's Plate
The winner of the St. George's Plate was Ben Wyvis, ridden by Mr. Donald Black. The red hot favourite at this event was Arabian Dagger which carried the odds, but the nearest it even got to second place was behind Ben Wyvis, which led all the way. Arabian Dagger was outstripped for second position by Duchess Delight by just a short head at the finishing post.

The St. George's Plate was presented to Mr. D. L. Prophet, joint owner with Mr. Donald Black, of the winning pony, by Colonel E. J. R. Mitchell, President of the Hong Kong St. George's Society.

An interlude to the general excitement was provided by the arrest by plain-clothes constables of three alleged pickpockets at the members' stand. They were dressed in European clothing, and they attracted much attention as they were buddled together awaiting a police van to take them away.

Complete results follow:

Yaumati Stakes
Race 1—(Second Section). For Australian ponies of 1949 classified Class 6. About one mile 171 yards.
1, Atomic Power; 2, Blacksmith; 3, Stirling Castle; 4, Roslyn.
Won by many lengths; the same.
Time: 2 mins. 6-2/5 secs.
Pari-Mutuel Win \$28.00; Places \$13.90, \$23.50, \$36.60.
BETTING: Atomic, 14/1 (W. Williams); Blacksmith, 14/1 (W. Williams); Stirling Castle, 14/1 (W. Williams); Roslyn, 14/1 (W. Williams).
Total Win \$28.00, Place \$13.90, \$23.50, \$36.60.

Lai Chi Kok Stakes
Race 2—(First Section). For Australian ponies of 1949 classified Class 6. Six furlongs.
1, Green Velvet; 2, Hopeful; 3, Canadian Potato; 4, Happy Farmers.
Won by two lengths; many lengths.
Time: 1 min. 25-1/5 secs.
Pari-Mutuel Win \$28.00; Places \$5.80, \$5.80, \$8.20.
BETTING: Canadian Potato, 14/1 (W. Williams); Green Velvet, 14/1 (W. Williams); Hopeful, 14/1 (W. Williams); Happy Farmers, 14/1 (W. Williams).
Total Win \$28.00, Place \$5.80, \$5.80, \$8.20.

Shaukiwan Handicap
Race 3—(First Section). For Australian ponies of previous seasons classified Class 4. About one mile 171 yards.
1, The Chief; 2, Cassie; 3, Justice of Peace; 4, Anyway.
Won by a head; many lengths.
Time: 2 mins. 0 secs.
Pari-Mutuel Win \$35.30; Places \$7.00, \$8.50, \$8.80.
BETTING: Anyway, 14/1 (W. Williams); The Chief, 14/1 (W. Williams); Cassie, 14/1 (W. Williams); Justice of Peace, 14/1 (W. Williams).
Total Win \$35.30, Place \$7.00, \$8.50, \$8.80.

Lai Chi Kok Stakes
Race 4—(Second Section). For Australian ponies of 1949 classified Class 6. Six furlongs.
1, Jetfire; 2, Morning Sky; 3, Sunlight; 4, Concor.
Won by three lengths; four lengths.
Time: 1:26.2.
Pari-Mutuel Win \$53.60; Places \$14.70, \$21.80, \$18.20.
BETTING: Jetfire, 14/1 (W. Williams); Morning Sky, 14/1 (W. Williams); Sunlight, 14/1 (W. Williams); Concor, 14/1 (W. Williams).
Total Win \$53.60, Place \$14.70, \$21.80, \$18.20.

Shaukiwan Handicap
Race 5—(First Section). For Australian ponies of previous seasons classified Class 4. About one mile 171 yards.
1, The Chief; 2, Cassie; 3, Justice of Peace; 4, Anyway.
Won by a head; many lengths.
Time: 2 mins. 0 secs.
Pari-Mutuel Win \$35.30; Places \$7.00, \$8.50, \$8.80.
BETTING: Anyway, 14/1 (W. Williams); The Chief, 14/1 (W. Williams); Cassie, 14/1 (W. Williams); Justice of Peace, 14/1 (W. Williams).
Total Win \$35.30, Place \$7.00, \$8.50, \$8.80.

Shaukiwan Handicap
Race 6—(Second Section). For Australian ponies of previous seasons classified Class 4. About one mile 171 yards.
1, The Chief; 2, Cassie; 3, Justice of Peace; 4, Anyway.
Won by a head; many lengths.
Time: 2 mins. 0 secs.
Pari-Mutuel Win \$35.30; Places \$7.00, \$8.50, \$8.80.
BETTING: Anyway, 14/1 (W. Williams); The Chief, 14/1 (W. Williams); Cassie, 14/1 (W. Williams); Justice of Peace, 14/1 (W. Williams).
Total Win \$35.30, Place \$7.00, \$8.50, \$8.80.

Shaukiwan Handicap
Race 7—(First Section). For Australian ponies of previous seasons classified Class 4. About one mile 171 yards.
1, The Chief; 2, Cassie; 3, Justice of Peace; 4, Anyway.
Won by a head; many lengths.
Time: 2 mins. 0 secs.
Pari-Mutuel Win \$35.30; Places \$7.00, \$8.50, \$8.80.
BETTING: Anyway, 14/1 (W. Williams); The Chief, 14/1 (W. Williams); Cassie, 14/1 (W. Williams); Justice of Peace, 14/1 (W. Williams).
Total Win \$35.30, Place \$7.00, \$8.50, \$8.80.

Shaukiwan Handicap
Race 8—(Second Section). For Australian ponies of previous seasons classified Class 4. About one mile 171 yards.
1, The Chief; 2, Cassie; 3, Justice of Peace; 4, Anyway.
Won by a head; many lengths.
Time: 2 mins. 0 secs.
Pari-Mutuel Win \$35.30; Places \$7.00, \$8.50, \$8.80.
BETTING: Anyway, 14/1 (W. Williams); The Chief, 14/1 (W. Williams); Cassie, 14/1 (W. Williams); Justice of Peace, 14/1 (W. Williams).
Total Win \$35.30, Place \$7.00, \$8.50, \$8.80.

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RACE 1
1st 1204 \$2,690
2nd 2673 768
3rd 2799 384
Unplaced ponies (\$100) Nos. 545, 202, 3020, 3055, 1172.

RACE 2
1st 3071 \$2,857
2nd 2684 817
3rd 499 408
Unplaced ponies (\$100) Nos. 1899, 267, 919, 2039.

RACE 3
1st 2885 \$2,931
2nd 2979 837
3rd 889 419
Unplaced ponies (\$100) Nos. 1746, 2368, 1270, 263, 1489.

RACE 4
1st 2287 \$2,992
2nd 2008 854
3rd 138 427
Unplaced ponies (\$100) Nos. 759, 1819, 281, 1287, 3341.

RACE 5
1st 4175 \$3,285
2nd 3371 938
3rd 4777 469
Unplaced ponies (\$100) Nos. 2678, 552, 4554, 3475, 1702, 610.

RACE 6
1st 4652 \$3,673
2nd 2684 1,040
3rd 4304 520
Unplaced ponies (\$100) Nos. 4023, 2303, 4419.

RACE 7
1st 2377 \$3,557
2nd 4664 1,016
3rd 1748 508
Unplaced ponies (\$100) Nos. 2931, 3350, 1980, 1845, 1238, 4550.

RACE 8
1st 2085 \$3,862
2nd 3574 1,104
3rd 3072 552
Unplaced ponies (\$100) Nos. 3143, 6399, 3510, 2035.

RACE 9
1st 3670 \$3,729
2nd 3902 1,056
3rd 5094 533
Unplaced ponies (\$100) Nos. 1889, 4896, 622, 4490, 4929, 6390, 14.

RACE 10
1st 1553 \$3,971
2nd 5237 1,134
3rd 5674 567
Unplaced ponies (\$100) Nos. 5673, 2610, 388, 4738, 1401, 4997, 4200.

RACE 11
1st 5723 \$4,159
2nd 4262 1,170
3rd 1732 594
Unplaced ponies (\$100) Nos. 5563, 5987, 3490, 3668, 2720, 3495, 2052.

RACE 12
1st 97955 \$126,830
2nd 40042 30,237
3rd 13547 18,118
Unplaced ponies (\$1,000) Nos. 75631, 144035, 160769, 12271, 143726, 121214.

RACE 13
1st 1553 \$3,971
2nd 5237 1,134
3rd 5674 567
Unplaced ponies (\$100) Nos. 5673, 2610, 388, 4738, 1401, 4997, 4200.

RACE 14
1st 5723 \$4,159
2nd 4262 1,170
3rd 1732 594
Unplaced ponies (\$100) Nos. 5563, 5987, 3490, 3668, 2720, 3495, 2052.

RACE 15
1st 97955 \$126,830
2nd 40042 30,237
3rd 13547 18,118
Unplaced ponies (\$1,000) Nos. 75631, 144035, 160769, 12271, 143726, 121214.

RACE 16
1st 1553 \$3,971
2nd 5237 1,134
3rd 5674 567
Unplaced ponies (\$100) Nos. 5673, 2610, 388, 4738, 1401, 4997, 4200.

RACE 17
1st 5723 \$4,159
2nd 4262 1,170
3rd 1732 594
Unplaced ponies (\$100) Nos. 5563, 5987, 3490, 3668, 2720, 3495, 2052.

RACE 18
1st 97955 \$126,830
2nd 40042 30,237
3rd 13547 18,118
Unplaced ponies (\$1,000) Nos. 75631, 144035, 160769, 12271, 143726, 121214.

RACE 19
1st 1553 \$3,971
2nd 5237 1,134
3rd 5674 567
Unplaced ponies (\$100) Nos. 5673, 2610, 388, 4738, 1401, 4997, 4200.

RACE 20
1st 5723 \$4,159
2nd 4262 1,170
3rd 1732 594
Unplaced ponies (\$100) Nos. 5563, 5987, 3490, 3668, 2720, 3495, 2052.

RACE 21
1st 97955 \$126,830
2nd 40042 30,237
3rd 13547 18,118
Unplaced ponies (\$1,000) Nos. 75631, 144035, 160769, 12271, 143726, 121214.

RACE 22
1st 1553 \$3,971
2nd 5237 1,134
3rd 5674 567
Unplaced ponies (\$100) Nos. 5673, 2610, 388, 4738, 1401, 4997, 4200.

RACE 23
1st 5723 \$4,159
2nd 4262 1,170
3rd 1732 594
Unplaced ponies (\$100) Nos. 5563, 5987, 3490, 3668, 2720, 3495, 2052.

CHINA MAIL

HONG KONG, TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 1949.

Ben Wyvis And Its Jockey-Owner



Ben Wyvis with Donald Black up, being led in after winning the St. George's Plate in the 8th Race yesterday—("China Mail" Photo)

Dodgers Beat Yankees, 9-4

New York, April 17.
Brooklyn Dodgers, gearing themselves for a fast getaway in the National League, today wound up their spring season by whipping the once mighty New York Yankees, 9-4, for a clean sweep of a three-game city series.

The flashy Dodgers, combining speed with power, overcame the Yanks easily. Brooklyn took a 2-1 lead in the first innings with the help of a double by hard-hitting Duke Snider and a steal home by Jackie Robinson and then clinched matters when first baseman Gil Hodges slammed a grand slam homer off Page in the seventh.

Philadelphia Athletics, best in the American League off their spring record, defeated Philadelphia Phillies, 5-2, at Shibe Park. Athletics got four hits off Phil pitchers Hank Borowy, Curt Simmons and Blix Donnelly, but 11 walks added greatly to their attack.

Virgil Trucks helped Tigers to edge Pittsburgh 4-2 at Forbes Field. The Pirates were unable to score until Ralph Kiner hit a homer with one out to ruin a shut-out.

St. Louis Cardinals batted out four homers at Sportsman Park to defeat the city rivals, the Browns, 7-4.

Washington ended their training season on a sour note, dropping to a minor league opposition. Cincinnati Reds dropped a 5-1 decision to Indianapolis, while the Senators were defeated 6-1 by Baltimore.—United Press.

International Horse Show
Rome, April 18.
Nine nations will participate in the International horse show April 30 to May 8 in Rome, the Equestrian Sport Federation announced.

National teams from France, Great Britain, Eire, Egypt, Italy, Sweden, Austria, Belgium, and Spain will attend.

The Egyptian team will participate for the first time in Italian and European events, while Sweden is making her first post-war exhibition on European fields.

Others to attend the meet for the first time since the war are Austria, Belgium and Spain. A team from the latter country came to Rome the last time in 1935.—Associated Press.

LEAFS RETAIN HOCKEY TITLE
Toronto, April 17.
Toronto Maple Leafs won the Stanley Cup—world professional ice hockey championship—for the third successive year by defeating Detroit Red Wings here last night.

It was the first time in 22 years that a professional ice hockey league team had won the Cup for three consecutive years.

Toronto beat Detroit, National League champion, 3 to 1 to establish a winning lead of four matches to nil in the best of seven final series.—Reuter.

SPEEDWAY RACE IN U.S.
Indianapolis, Indiana, April 18.
America's first 10 autoring drivers are to hold for the 500-mile Indianapolis speedway race here on May 30.

This Week's Soccer Programme

The following is the soccer programme for this week:

TOMORROW FIRST DIVISION
Police v. S. China "B" (PP from 2.1.49); Boundary Street, 5.45 p.m.; Referee: J. Ward; Lineament: W. Gibson and H. Richardson.
Club v. Navy (PP from 2.1.49); Club, 5.45 p.m.; Referee: R.M. Omar; Lineament: Sgt. Manson and P.T. Li.
RAF v. Kwong Wah (PP from 2.1.49); Bookup, 5.45 p.m.; Referee: Capt. Chinnell; Lineament: Pte. Collins and Y.P. Mak.

SECOND DIVISION
Dockyard v. Soldiers' Navy, 5.45 p.m.; Referee: L. Dwyer.
St. Joseph's v. Talkoo Army "I", 5.45 p.m.; Referee: Lai Duen-po.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21 SECOND DIVISION
Police v. South China: Boundary Street, 5.45 p.m.; Referee: F.A. Barretto.
Club v. Army-KI: Club, 5.45 p.m.; Referee: Sgt. Manson.
Navy v. PCA: Navy, 5.45 p.m.; Referee: A. Leck.
Tramways v. KMD (PP from 2.1.49); Army "II", 5.45 p.m.; Referee: Li Bing-tong.
CAA v. Kit Chee: Chatham Road, 5.45 p.m.; Referee: A.P. Willis.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23 FIRST DIVISION
Club v. Army: Club, 5 p.m.; Referee: K.K. Ip; Lineament: Sgt. Manson and P.T. Li.
Eastern v. Kwong Wah: Caroline Hill, 5 p.m.; Referee: J.G. Padley; Lineament: Pte. Collins and Hebeiro.
Police v. KMD: Boundary Street, 5 p.m.; Referee: A.P. Willis; Lineament: W. Gibson and H. Richardson.
RAF v. South China "B": Bookup, 5 p.m.; Referee: N. Gaffney; Lineament: Y.P. Mak and A. Leck.

SECOND DIVISION
South China v. KMD: Caroline Hill, 5.30 p.m.; Referee: Pte. Collins.
Club v. PCA: Club, 5.30 p.m.; Referee: Sgt. Manson.
Army-KI v. Soldiers': Chatham Road, 5.30 p.m.; Referee: M. Delgado.
Dockyard v. Tramways: Navy, 5.30 p.m.; Referee: J. Ward.

SUNDAY, APRIL 24 FIRST DIVISION
CAA v. Navy: Boundary Street, 5 p.m.; Referee: Capt. Chinnell; Lineament: A.P. Willis and S.M. Liu.
St. Joseph's v. South China "A": Club, 5 p.m.; Referee: R.M. Omar; Lineament: Li Bing-tong and D.P. Lai.
Kit Chee (bye).

SECOND DIVISION
CAA v. St. Joseph's: Boundary Street, 5.30 p.m.; Referee: A.P. Willis.
Army-KI v. Talkoo Army "II": 5.30 p.m.; Referee: F.A. Barretto.
Eastern v. Kit Chee: Navy v. University; Police v. WD Chinese (Cancelled).

LEAGUE STANDINGS TO DATE FIRST DIVISION

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
S. China "A"	24	18	1	5	54
Chinese "AA"	21	16	2	4	50
KMD	21	16	0	5	48
Club	22	12	6	4	42
Kit Chee	22	12	1	9	37
Army	19	9	2	8	29
Eastern	23	8	2	13	26
St. Joseph's	21	7	8	11	23
S. China "B"	20	5	6	9	21
Royal Navy	19	6	10	12	18
Police	18	3	10	15	9
RAF	20	3	15	12	9
Kwong Wah	20	1	17	22	4

SECOND DIVISION

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
CAA	24	20	2	2	62
KMD	22	17	4	1	55
Army HK	25	17	2	6	53
South China	25	14	6	5	48
Soldiers'	26	8	8	10	34
Police	20	14	3	3	45
Kit Chee	24	14	2	8	44
St. Joseph's	24	7	10	6	35
Club	25	5	10	10	25
Soldiers'	25	4	10	11	16
Talkoo	36	4	2	30	10
WD Chinese	20	2	18	27	7

Recreio's Triumphant Return From Macao

Members of the Club de Recreio returned to the Colony last night after a two-day stay in Macao where the annual tournaments between Recreio and the Portuguese in Macao were held.

Recreio again triumphed in the combined results, winning in the contract bridge tournament, badminton, held Macao to a draw in hockey and losing only in the tennis encounter.

The feature of this annual meeting was the hockey game for the coveted cup presented by Mr. Rabbit, formerly the British Consul in Macao.

Practically the entire European Community in Macao including the Governor and other high Portuguese officials turned up to watch the hockey match which was played on Macao's famous Calva Escorial field.

Recreio, winners of the hockey league in Hong Kong, fielded a team without two of their enslist players: Billy Soares, their left wing, and Guido Sequiera, their speedy, robust man in the half line.

Reaching the dec, Guterres had the ball with Basto coming menacingly up. Guterres flicked a perfect to Armando Marques who banged it into the net to level the score and retain the cup.

A Clean Game
Nevertheless, Recreio lived up to their merit as Hong Kong champions in holding a strong Macao line-up to a two-all draw. The game was fast, furious, tricky but clean.

Macao attacked from the start. Recreio, through the staunch, undetachable Willie Reed at centre-half fought back vigorously to hold their hosts at bay.

The first goal came to Macao. Their forward rushing into Recreio's area, was met with obstruction. The umpire called for a penalty bully with which Macao netted to open the score. Recreio soon equalised. Robert Marques, in perfect unison with Recreio's forward line of C. Guterres, and Armando Marques, broke through the Macao defence.

Robert Marques taking the ball from a perfect pass by his brother, was about to shoot when he was accidentally sandwiched between the backs. Recreio levelled the score from this penalty bully.

Play went through the rest of the first half with neither side being able to score. Willie Reed for Recreio was playing his clever, excellent form.

Two minutes after the start of the second half, Almeida one of Macao's deadliest forwards, banged the ball past Sales in a perfect goal to bring his side to lead 2-1.

A Stone Wall
But Recreio never lost heart, time and again that neat forward line swept in perfect co-ordination only to be broken up by an almost impregnable Macao defence.

The games will be played at Dublin's FitzWilliam Club on April 30 and May 2 and 3. Kemp and Jackson are Ireland's top-flight team and both have been on the Davis Cup team since the war.—Associated Press.

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